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YOU AREN'T HUMAN ANYWAY, RIGHT?

YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?

HOW DARE YOU RAISE YOUR BLADE AGAINST GOD!

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

EXACTLY!

I AM GOD!!

I'M SICK OF IT...

BRAIN-WASH AGAIN...

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YOUR BRAIN-WASHING WAVE DOES NOT IMPLANT FAKE MEMO-RIES OR FORCEFUL THOUGHTS.

INSTEAD, IT TRIGGERS STRONG EMOTIONS WITH CER-TAIN KEY-WORDS.

YOU MADE EVERYONE BEAR THE FEELING THAT THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT WAS SOMETHING AWE-INSPIRING.

BUT IF THERE IS AN EMOTION EVEN STRONGER THAN THAT,

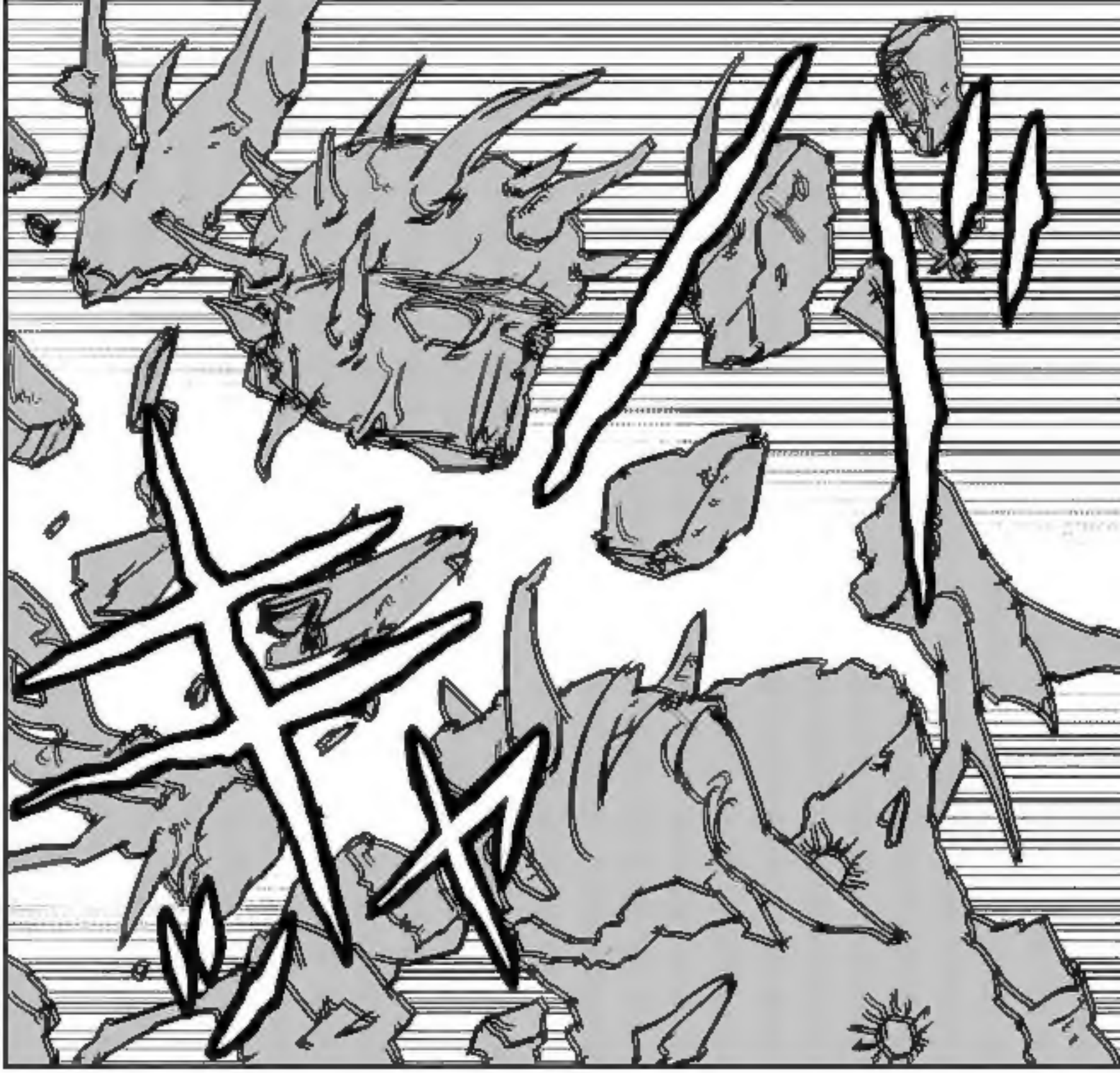
THEN IT CAN COMPLETELY NULLIFY THE BRAINWASH.

RIGHT NOW, I AM FILLED WITH ANGER.

GET READY.

BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO INTERFERE ANY FURTHER, THEN I AM NOT GOING TO SIT AND WATCH.
DON'T GIVE ME THAT FACE.
I EVEN OFFERED YOU A POSITION BY MY SIDE...
A BAD CHILD MUST BE PUNISHED ...
EVEN IF IT'S NOT CONSIDERED DIVINE PUNISH-MENT...

HERE I COME



NEITHER CAN YOU BE THE PROTAGONIST.

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NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY, YOU CAN'T BE GOD.

OF GUYS TRYING TO CONQUER OTHERS WITH POWER.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

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JUST WHAT THE HELL WAS THIS THING?

AL-RIGHT ...

POWDER FROM THE DIVINE TREE?

YEAH.

DISSOLVE IT IN WATER OR WITH OCHAZUKE,.

IT'S REALLY GOOD FOR YOUR BODY, I EVEN HEARD IT PROLONGS YOUR LIFESPAN.

IT'S FOR FREE.

SO PLEASE TRY THEM OUT.

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THESE ARE THE ROOTS OF THE DIVINE TREE, PRE-CUT FOR EVERY-ONE.

THEY'RE GREAT AS TEMPURA, WARM SALAD OR PICKLED.

MY RECOM-MENDATION IS COOKING IT AND MAKING IT INTO A DIP WITH MAYO.

BUT THAT'S TOO MUCH, THERE'LL BE LEFT-OVERS...

I'LL LEAVE IT IN THE STORE FOR OTHER CUSTOM-ERS...

...MANAGER.

THERE'S ONE THING THAT'S BUGGING ME.

MINEGISHI-KUN, YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK NOW.

OKAY.

HM?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH THEIR TREATMENT.

THEY WERE FINE THIS MORNING, BUT NOW THEY'RE WITHERING.

THE PLANTS ARE ACTING STRANGE.

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IT'S NOT AN ILLNESS, I THINK WE NEED TO FIND THE REASON ...

THEY LOOK LIKE AS IF THEIR LIFE WAS SUCKED OUT.

THE FLOWERS...

AN OLD CUSTOMER BROUGHT THIS... "POWDER OF THE DIVINE TREE", I HOPE THIS CAN BECOME OUR CITY'S SENSATION.

SO?

IS THAT... MEDICINE?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO TAKE A BREAK?

THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL.

MINEGISHI-KUN.

HERE I THOUGHT THE MANAGER WAS A NICE GUY...IS HE THE KIND OF GUY WHO GETS PISSED WHEN YOU DISOBEY HIM EVEN A LITTLE?

DIDN'T THINK WORK-ING CAN BE THIS HARD...

BUT FINDING A JOB WASN'T EASY, I JUST HAVE TO BEAR IT.

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EVEN THE WEEDS ARE LOOK-ING SO WEAK...

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THESE CRACKS... HAVE GOTTEN LARGER SINCE YESTER-DAY.

THE REASON BEING...

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WHERE ARE YOU COMING FROM?

THE DIVINE TREE?

IS IT ROBBING ALL THE NUTRIENTS FROM THE PLANTS IN THIS CITY?

WHAT'S OCCURING TO THE STREETS IS ALSO ITS DOING?

I'LL MAKE SURE THE ROOTS GO BACK ON THEIR OWN.

GROWING THIS BIG, YOU'RE A GREEDY ONE, AREN'T YOU.

IF I LEAVE IT LIKE THAT, THE SOIL WILL BE ROBBED OF ALL MINER-ALS.

WHAT A DISAS-TER.

LUCKILY I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT IN TIME.

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JUST MY IMAGINA-TION

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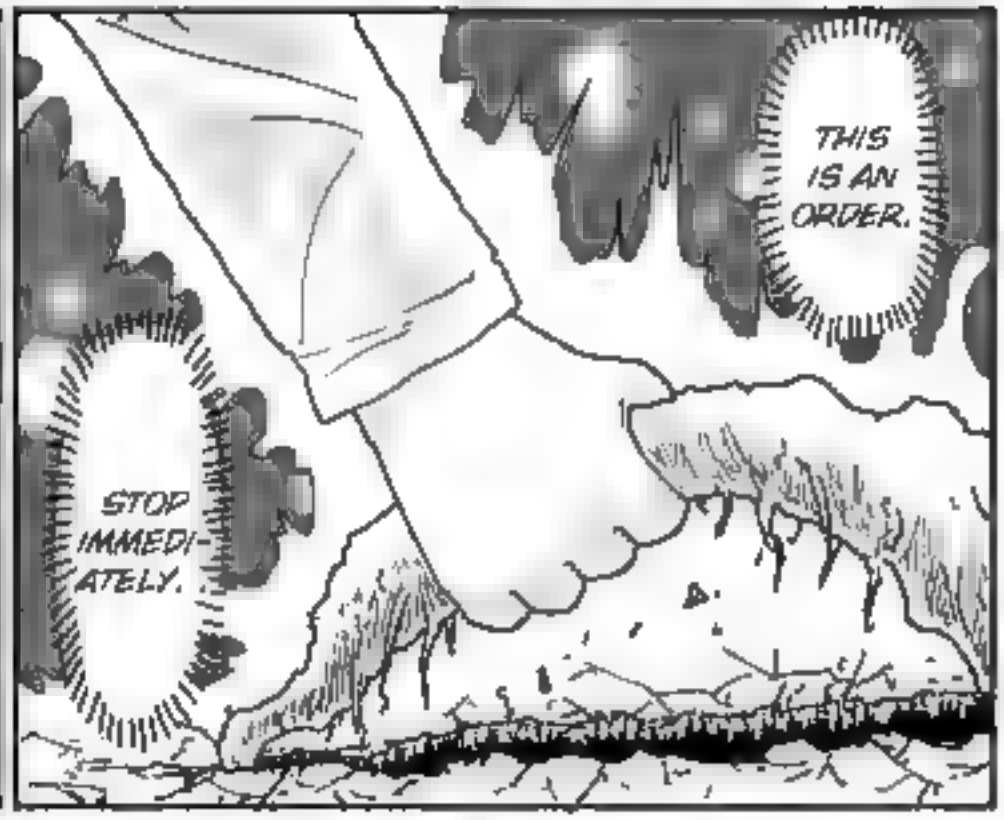
RUSTLE


THIS IS AN ORDER.
STOP IMMEDI-ATELY.

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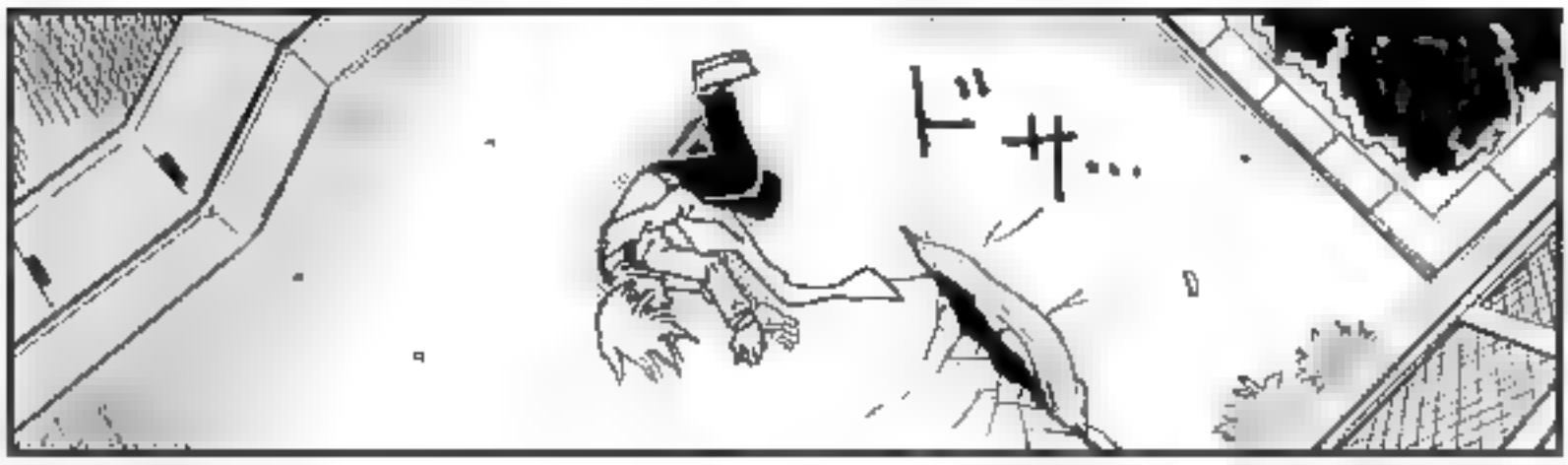
NO WAY!
IT'S EVEN DRAIN-ING MY POWER.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JUST HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA REGENER-ATE?

YOU'RE A PER-SISTENT ONE...

MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO BACK HOME AND REST A WHILE, KUKUKU...

YOU CANNOT STOP ME.

HAVING A HARD TIME?

IT'S REALLY YOU...

THE GOOD FOR NOTHING EVIL SPIRIT.

I SEE...

YOU'RE BEHIND THIS ALL.

RIGHT, HANAZAWA-KUN?

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DIMPLE-KUN.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACCOM-PLISH WITH THAT LOOK?

BECAUSE THE BELIEVERS COULDN'T SEE SPIRITS LIKE ME.

I CREATED THIS LOOK BASED ON THE PSYCHO HELMET'S ICON.

I RECEIVED THIS BODY FROM THE DIVINE TREE'S ROOTS...

I'M NOT GOING CRAZY. MY GOAL HAS NEVER CHANGED.

I WILL BECOME A GOD OF MODERN TIME.

NOW FINALLY

I HAVE GRASPED A CHANCE TO DO SO.

DOES KAGEYAMA-KUN KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING CRAZY?

WHAT'S YOUR GOAL?

I'M JUST DOING WHAT I WANT TO DO.

THIS HAS NOTH NG TO DO WITH SHIGEO.

I WILL TELL KAGEYAMA-KUN THAT YOU'VE MOVED ON PEACEFULLY ...

BUT THIS TIME, I HAVE TO FINISH THE JOB.

THAT IS A SHAME..

I HAVE TO ERASE YOU ONCE AGAIN

WHAT ...?

HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED THAT YOUR ENERGY IS BEING DRAINED BY THE DIVINE TREE?

KANAZAWA, IT'S AS IF YOU'RE INSIDE MY STOMACH.

BE.T GHOSTS GOD OR JFO...THEY ALL BELIEVE IN SOME-TH NG.

THE POWER OF THOUGHTS OF THIS C TY...NO, OF THE WORLD IS GATHERED AND HOSTED INSIDE THIS PI_AR.

IS THIS WHY I'M FEELING SO EX-HAUSTED?

JUST WHAT IS THIS TREE?

ENEMIES MJST BE DISPOSED.

ITS THOUGHTS ARE SOMETIMES SYNCHRON ZED WITH MINE.

TO BE MORE SPECIFIC THE DIV NE TREE LEARNED IT FROM ME.

THIS IS WHEN THE DIVINE TREE DEVEL-OPED SELF AWARENESS ...

TH S BROCCOLI HAS BECOME ACKNOWL-EDGED AS THE RESIDENCE OF GOD.

YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR ME ANYMORE, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU STRUGGLE.

THIS IS MY FINAL WARNING.

HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALRIGHT.

YOU JUST WANT TO PLAY GOD.

WHAT IS A GOD?

FAREWELL.

IT FEELS STRANGE.

HMM?

THE ATMO-SPHERE IN THIS CITY. .

AS IF WE'RE BEING WATCHED...

YOU NOTICED THAT YOU'VE BECOME QUITE POPULAR, YOU SAID.

WE ALL GO THROUGH THE PHASE OF FEELING TOO FULL OF OURSELVES.

BUT TRY NOT TO TELL TOO MANY PEOPLE ABOUT IT... YOU MIGHT REGRET IT ONE DAY.

I HAVE A PLAN.

I GIVE YOU THE INSTRUC-TIONS, YOU FOLLOW THEM, MOB.

...YOU SAID WE NEED TO DESTROY THE BROCCOLI...

BUT HOW ARE WE GONNA DO IT? IT'S TOO BIG.

YOU'RE RIGHT, I NEED TO ELABORATE.

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT A LOT...

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INSTRUC-TIONS?

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1 LIFTING IT WITH PSYCHIC POWER

2 CARRY IT.

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3 DROP IT INTO THE OCEAN

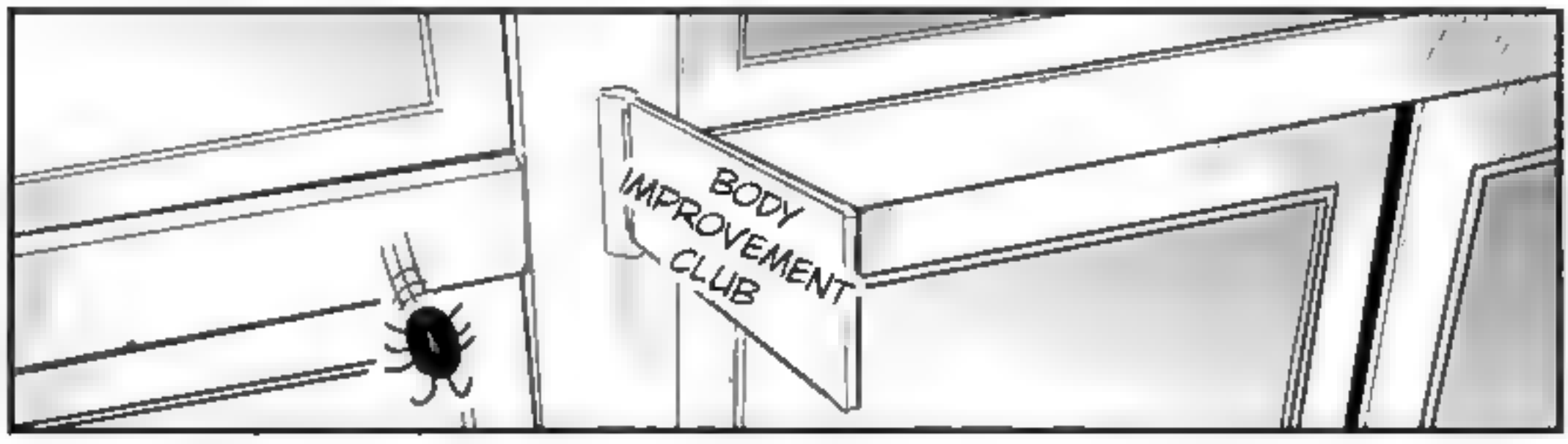
EASY, RIGHT?

THIS IS GONNA BE A PAIN .

ERM ...

I HAVE TO CARRY THAT THING INTO THE OCEAN?

YES, I WILL LOOK AFTER YOUR SAFETY AND MAKE SURE YOU REACH THE OCEAN.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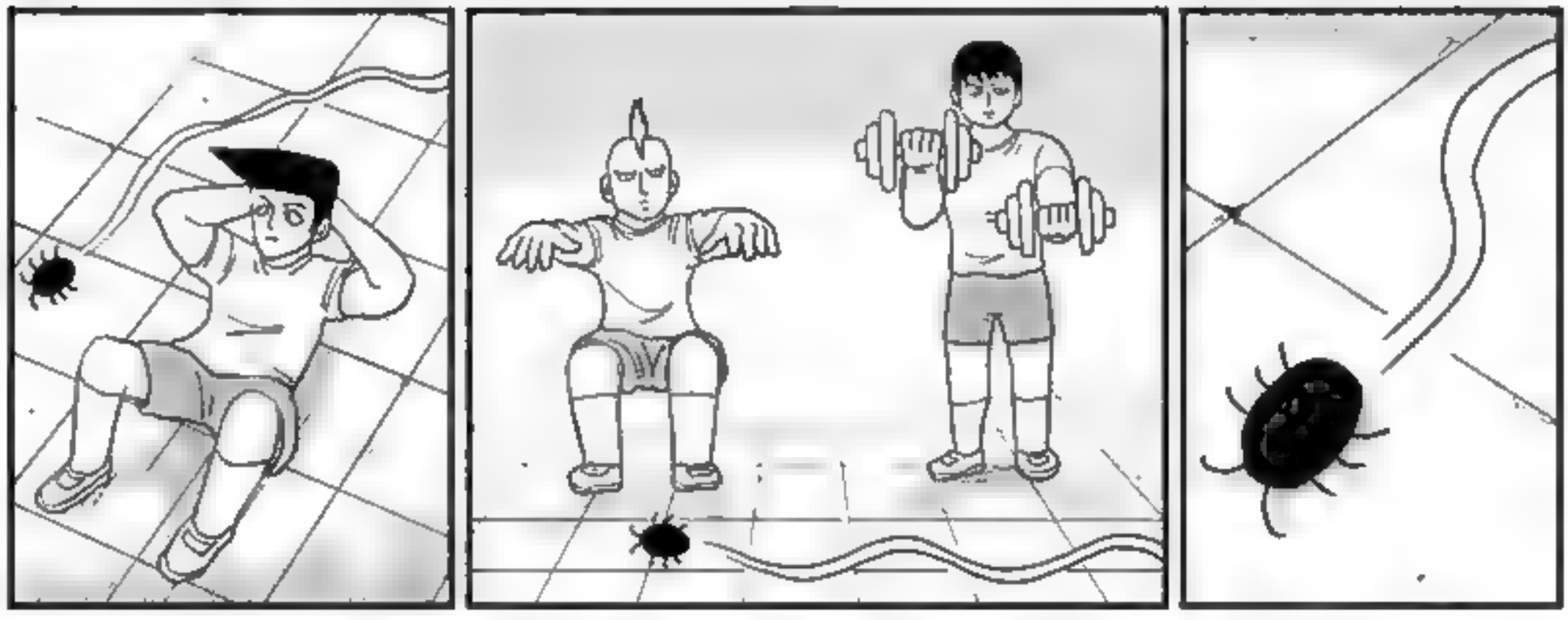

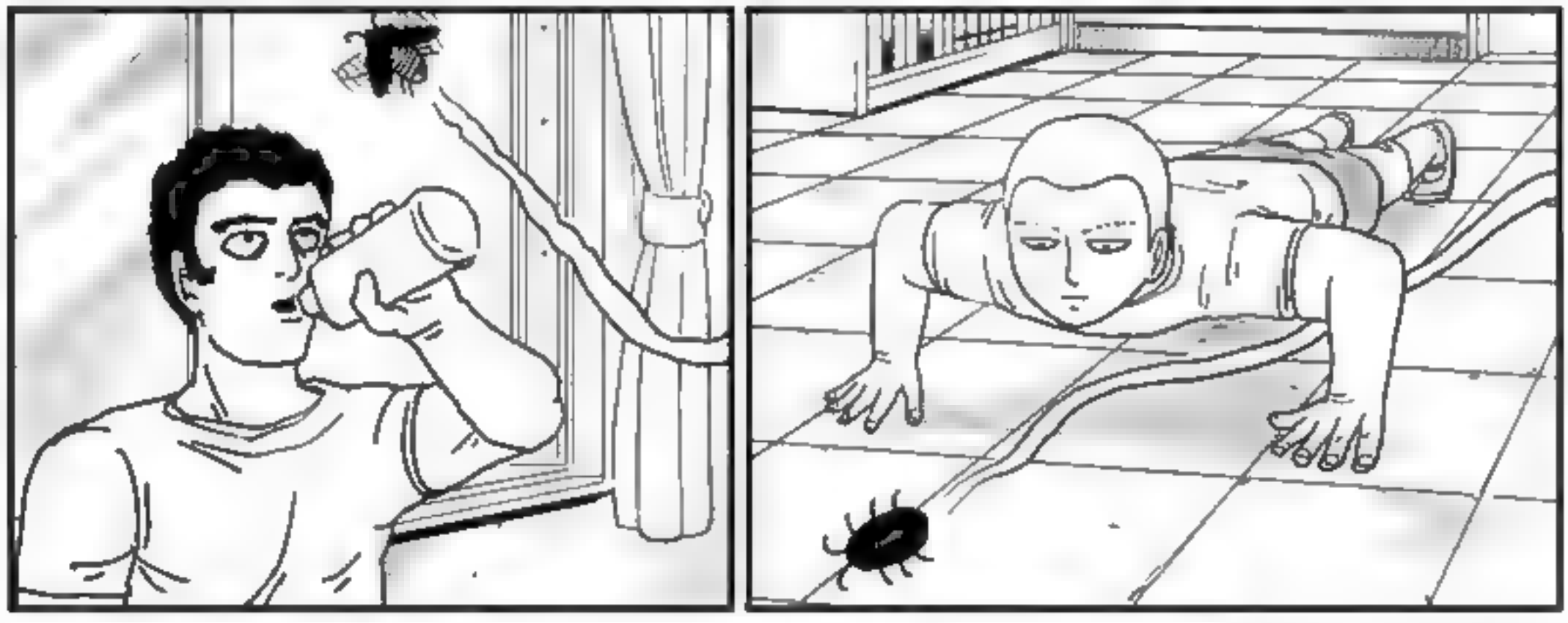

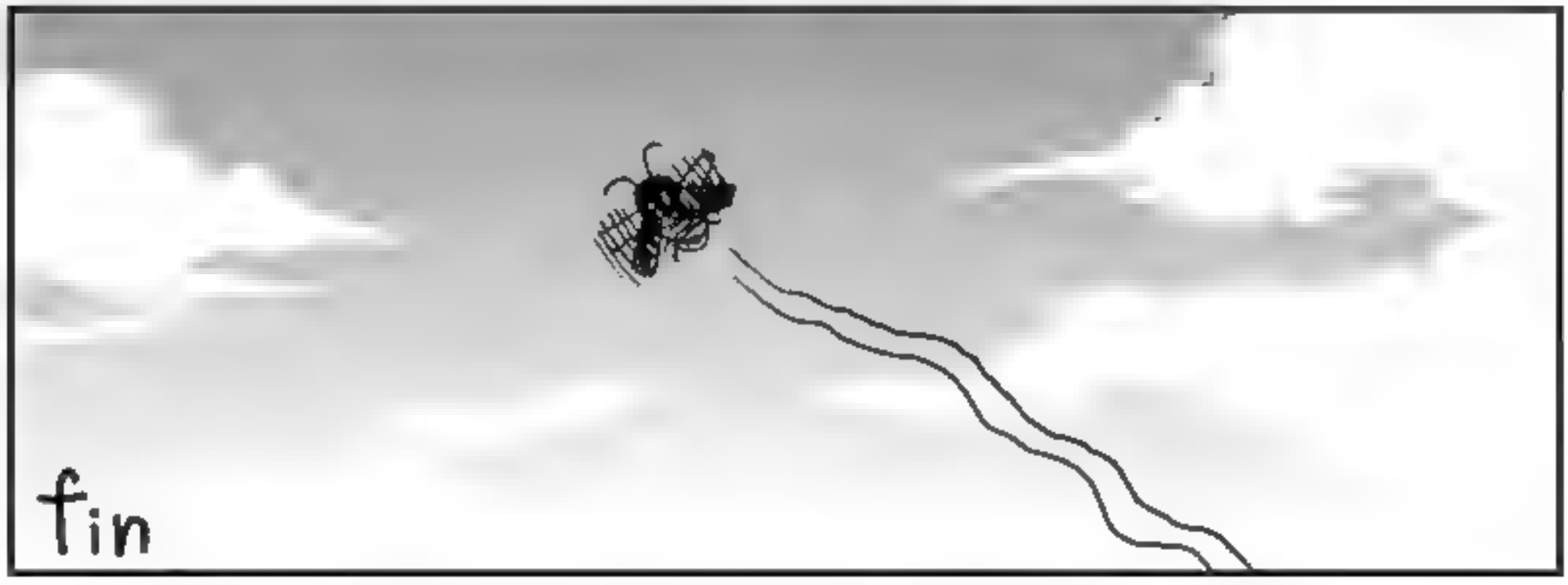
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WHAT ABOUT YOUR BROTHER?

IS THAT SO. .

I WISH SOMEONE COULD LEND US A HAND.

BUT SERIZA-WA'S STILL IN CLASS RIGHT NOW...

I RECALL MONDAY BEING STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING DAY. . HE'S PROBABLY STILL IN SCHOOL.

RITSU. .CAN WE REALLY ASK HIM?

"PRAYING TIME"?

WHAT'S THIS SUP-POSED TO BE?

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PRAYING LIKE THIS.

WISHING TO PASS THIS DAY HAPPILY AND SAFELY ...

WE'D LIKE TO PROPOSE THIS AS A NEW CLASS IN THE LESSON PLAN.

OVER THERE..

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN PRAYING AT?

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, MAKIHARA?

WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? I FAIL TO SEE THE POINT TO THAT.

LET US ALL FIND HAPPINESS.

PRAYING TO LORD PSYCHO HELMET WHO HAS DESCENDED FROM THE TREE.

THE DIVINE TREE.

WE'RE IN EXAM PREPA-RATION TIME, THERE IS A TIME AND PLACE FOR EVERYTHING. BE CAREFUL, MAKIHARA...

PRAYING TO A PLANT IS YOUR FREEDOM, HOWEVER BRINGING THIS UP IN A MEETING IS LUDICROUS.

MAKI-HARA-SENPAI

AGREE
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WHO AGREES WITH ME?
WHAT DO YOU...
DENY OF COURSE.
A PROPOSAL LIKE THIS DOESN'T EVEN WARRANT VOTING.
..THAT'S OVER HALF
WHAT DO YOU THINK, VICE PRESI-DENT?
ALL OF YOU STOP... WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS?
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THINK-ING STRAIGHT, THE STUDENT COUNCIL SHOULD DO MEANINGFUL THINGS, NOT CHILD'S PLAY LIKE THIS...
THE STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISER HAS ALREADY SIGNED
REGARD-ING THIS PROPOS-AL ..
PRESIDENT KAMIJO, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
HEH.. SO YOU GOT THE APPROVAL FROM THE TEACHERS?
WHAT DID YOU DO BEHIND OUR BACKS..?

IT'S ONLY 5 MINUTES A DAY.

IT'S JUST A TINY AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE THE FIRST LESSON STARTS.

VICE PRESIDENT TOKUGAWA, CALM DOWN PLEASE. JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PROPOSAL.

KAMURO !?

IT'S OKAY, THERE'S NO POINT TO BE ON THE EDGE NOW.

HOW ABOUT WE DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL TOMORROW AGAIN.

OKAY, I UNDERSTAND.

WE WILL THINK ABOUT IT.

IT'S NORMAL THAT WE NEED SOME TIME TO ADJUST TO SUCH A PROPOSAL.

WE MIGHT NEED THE TIME AS WELL.

HE HAS BECOME MUCH SMOOTHER THAN BEFORE ..

THE PRESIDENT HAS CHANGED A LOT

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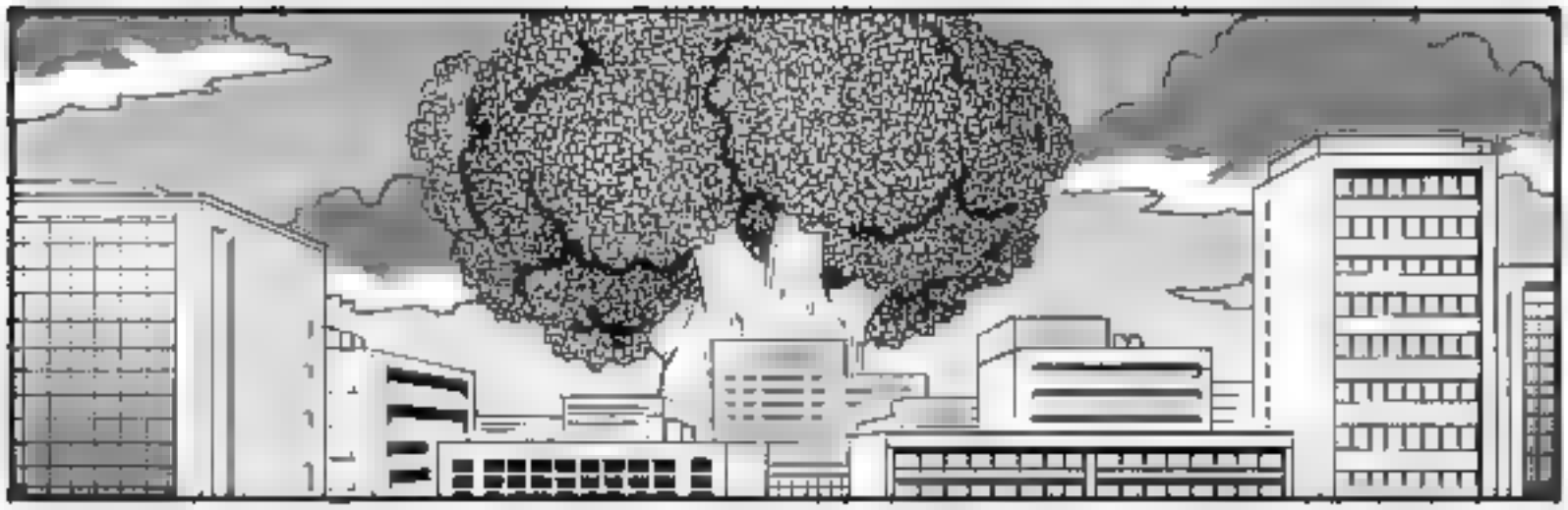
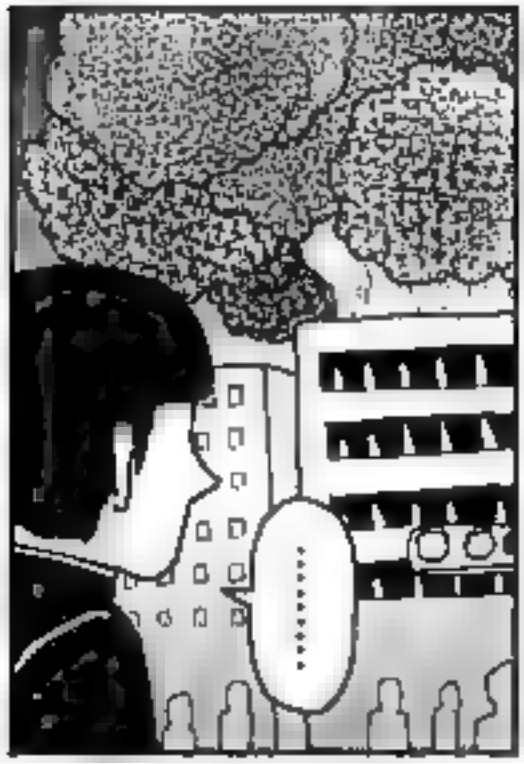
OH YEAH, ABOUT THAT...

CAN YOU HELP MOB OUT A LITTLE?

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING NOW?

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YOU SURE ABOUT THAT, BRO?
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN LIFT THAT THING WITH TELEKI-NESIS.
REMOVING THE DIVINE TREE FROM THE CITY. .

WE MUST ACT NOW, RITSU-KUN
CUT IT DOWN, LET IT WITHER, WHATEVER IT IS, IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING NOW, SPICE CITY WILL BE UNINHABITABLE

THERE'S ONE TIME, SOME CLASSMATES HELPED THE TEACHER CARRY AN OLD PIANO OUT OF THE CLASS-ROOM.
ONE ALONE CAN NEVER DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT, BUT WITH COM-BINED STRENGTH, EVEN SOMETHING THIS HEAVY CAN BE LIFTED.

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SO WE SHOULD BE FINE.

FINE I GET IT!

I'LL HELP YOU OUT!

MY MOM TOLD ME, THE WATERMELONS SHE PLANTED BACK HOME DRAINED ALL THE NUTRIENTS FROM THE SOIL, DESTROYING ALL THE OTHER PLANTS IN THE PROCESS...

NOT TO SPEAK THE SIZE OF THE TREE, IT'S DRAINING AS WE SPEAK. .

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BRO ...

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT TRENDY PSYCHO HELMET CULT?

YEAH... THERE'S SOME NASTY STUFF GOING ON AT THE STUDENT COUNCIL TOO.

YOU SEEM TIRED?

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT RELIGION, SO IT'S NOT MY FIELD TO JUDGE.

THE SPEED THEY'RE SPREADING IS SCARY TO SAY THE I FEEL LIKE LEAST. SOMETHING ABNORMAL IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

NO WAY, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF WORSHIPPERS EVEN AT OUR SCHOOL.

YOU A MEMBER TOO, RITSU?

BUT JUDGING FROM THE INFO ON THE INTERNET, THEY SEEM TO BE A HARMLESS CULT...

REMOVING THE BROCCOLI MEANS HAVING THE ENTIRE PSYCHO HELMET CULT AGAINST US.

WHICH MEANS .

SEEMS LIKE...THEY REGARD THE DIVINE TREE AS THEIR HOLY GROUND

LIKE A GATHERING OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE CERTAIN SPORTS, MANGA, STUDY OR MASCOTS...

IT'S LESS OF A "RELIGION" BUT MORE OF A "FAN CLUB".

TO SPREAD THEIR BELIEF ACROSS NATION, THEY HAVE ORGANIZED EVENTS EVEN OUTSIDE THE CITY.

SELLING PSYCHO HELMET GOODS, DISCUSSIONS ABOUT OPINIONS ON THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT,

MAYBE IT'S JUST A TREND THAT'LL GO AWAY BEFORE WE KNOW IT.

I DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY'RE CONDUCTING ANYTHING RELIGIOUS.

BUT HOW THEY GAIN POPULARITY IS REALLY UNSETTLING...

WE DON'T KNOW THE HARM OF IT.

THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT FISHY

I'M HAVING A HEADACHE.

ANYWAY, WE JUST NEED TO PULL IT OUT QUICKLY AND HEAD TO OUR DESTINATION.

HM... THAT'LL BE TROUBLESOME.

MOVING SOMETHING THAT GIGANTIC WILL ATTRACT ATTENTION... SOME MIGHT TRY TO STOP US.

OF COURSE WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL.

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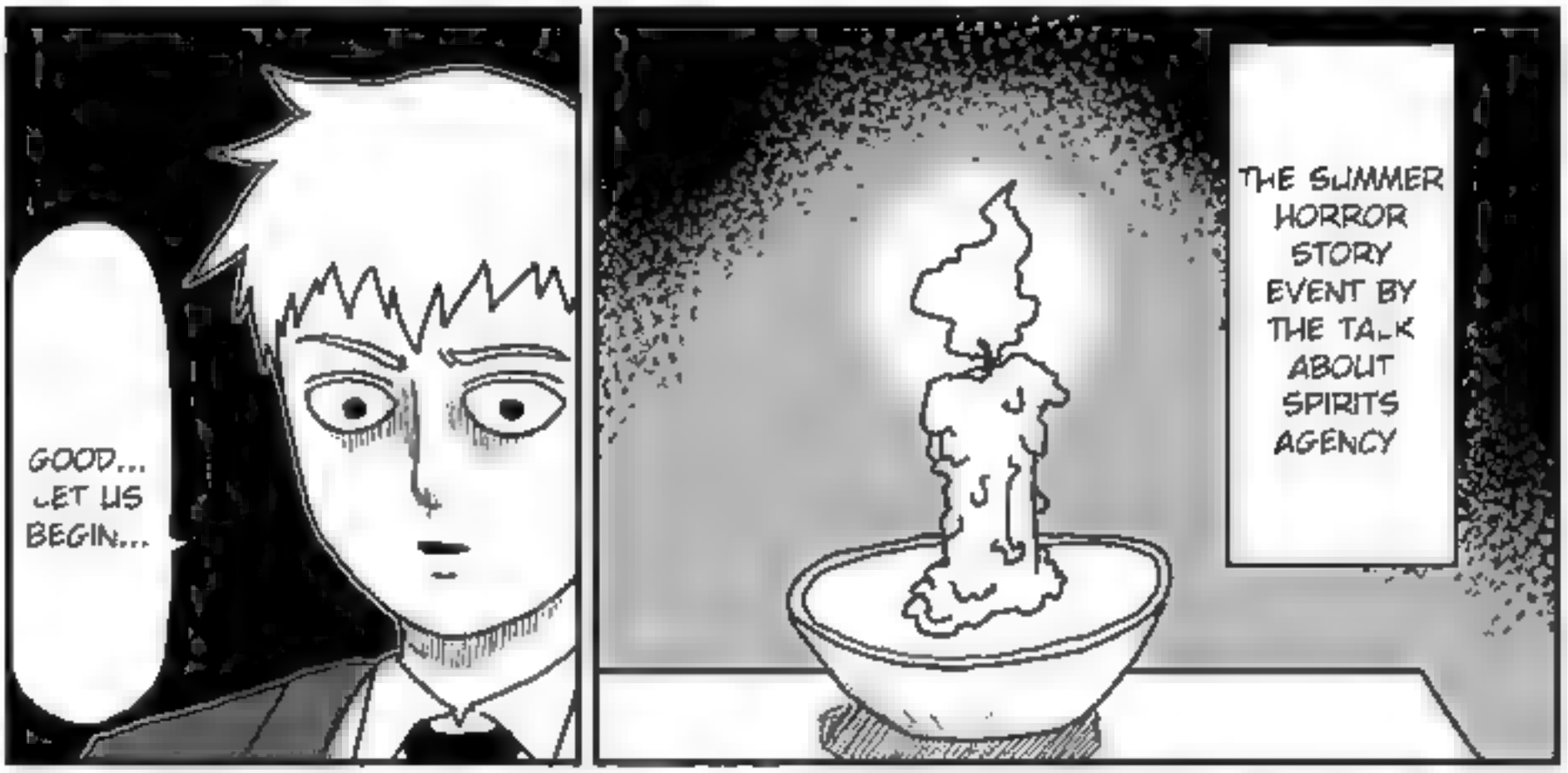

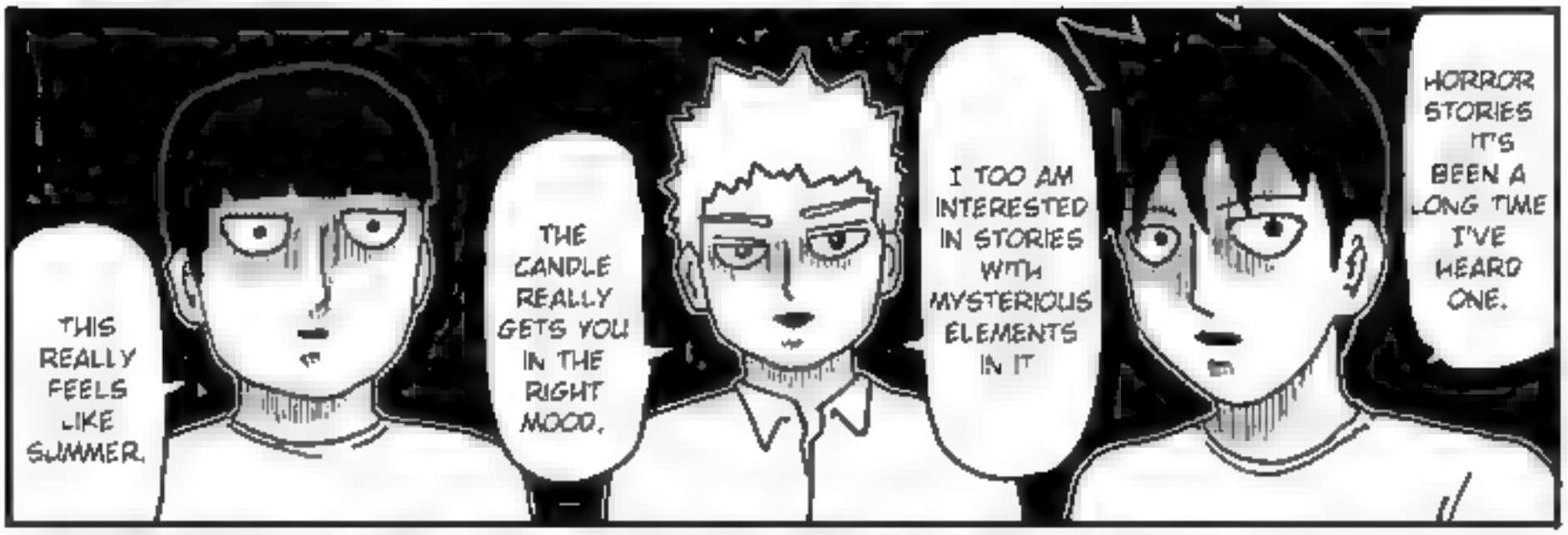
THIS REALLY FEELS LIKE SUMMER.
THE CANDLE REALLY GETS YOU IN THE RIGHT MOOD.
I TOO AM INTERESTED IN STORIES WITH MYSTERIOUS ELEMENTS IN IT
HORROR STORIES IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME I'VE HEARD ONE.

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THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT JUST GAVE IT TO ME.

AH, THIS?

RITSU, YOU'RE BRINGING CANDIES TO SCHOOL?

LET ME REPLENISH SOME BLOOD SUGAR FIRST

I THOUGHT IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU COULD ALL TAKE SOME WITH YOU.

MY DAD GOT SOME SAMPLES FROM THE MEETING.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO USE THIS AS PROMOTION ITEM..

GIVE ME ONE.

BROTHER, YOU WANT ONE TOO?

IT'S CALLED DIVINE TREE CANDY.

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THANKS

AH, THAT'S AN INTER-ESTING TASTE. TRY IT!

REIGEN-SAN, YOU TOO.

OH? OH ..? YOU'RE GIVING ME ONE? I'LL HAVE ONE LATER.

I'LL EAT MINE LATER TOO.

I'M THIRSTY

I'LL WAIT AFTER I'VE DEALT WITH THE BROCCOLI.

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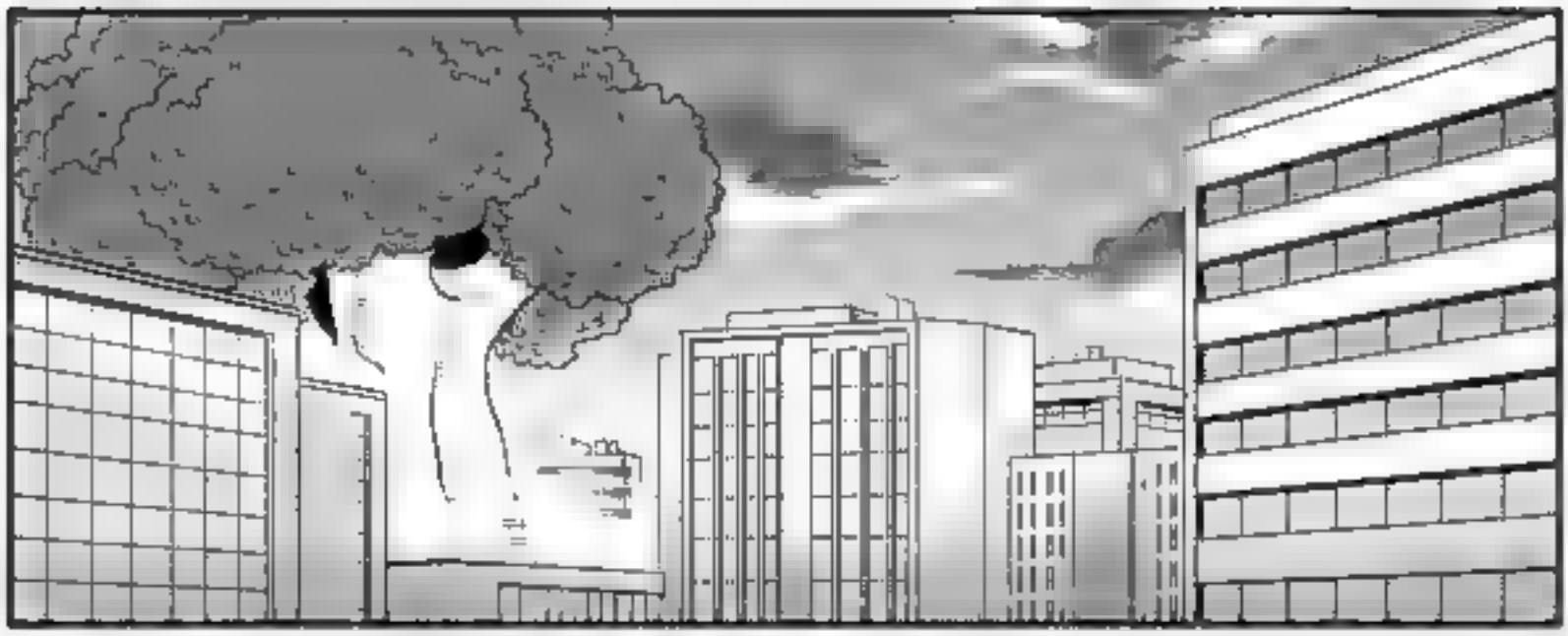
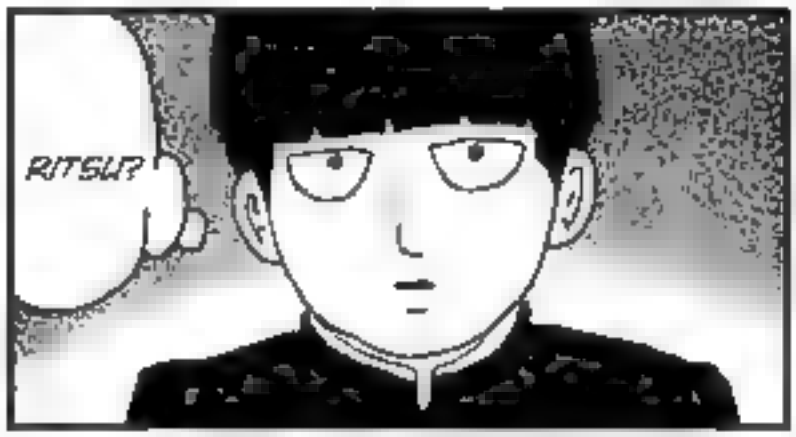
THERE'S A PLACE I'D LIKE TO GO BEFORE THAT

THE TOILET?



THERE'S ONE RIGHT INSIDE THE SUPER MARKET.

YOU'RE GOING FAST.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THERE'S A PLACE WE NEED TO VISIT BEFORE WE GO TO THE DIVINE TREE.
WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME PEOPLE.

INSIDE THIS BUILDING. .

ISN'T THIS A MEETING HALL?

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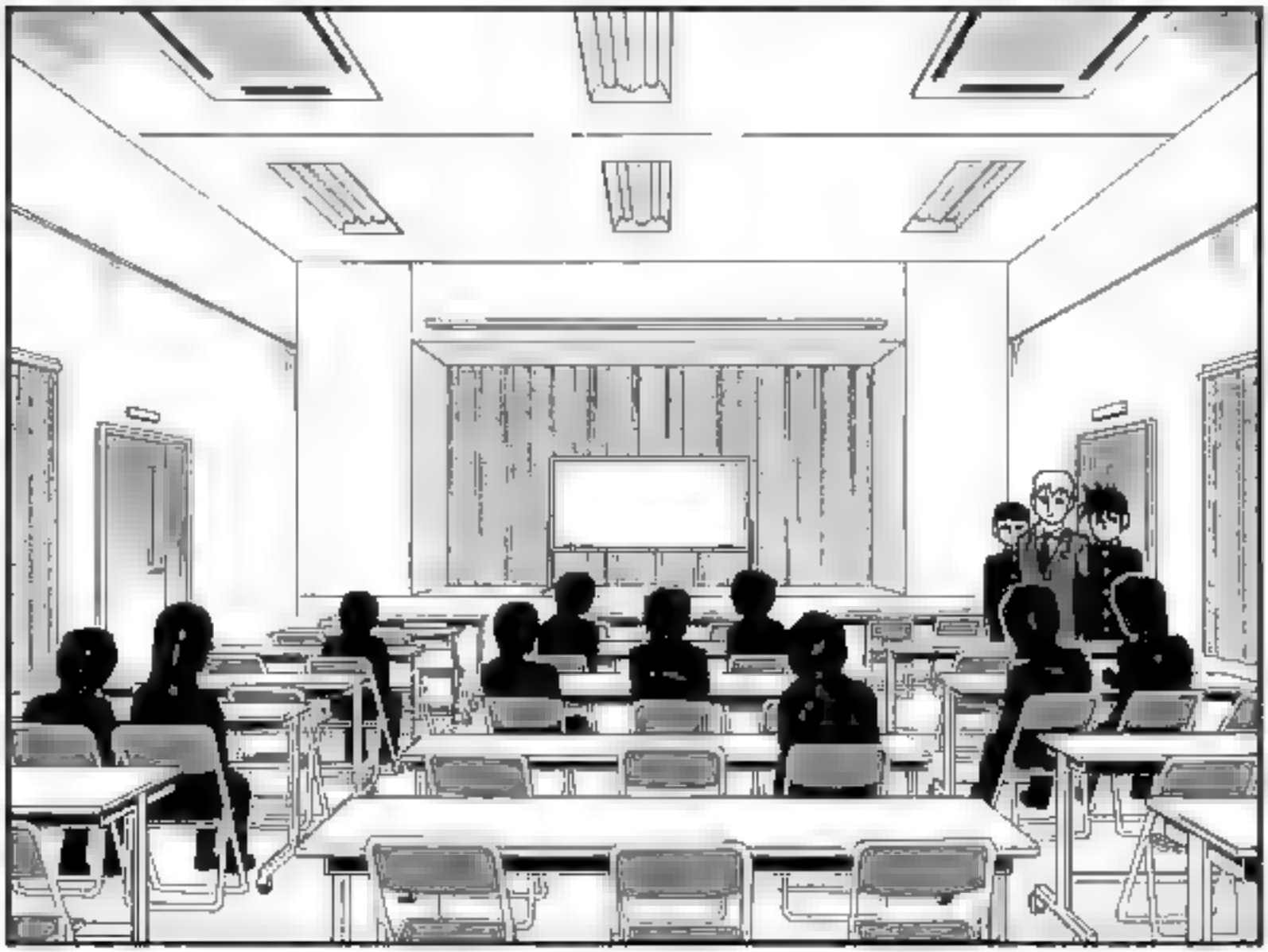
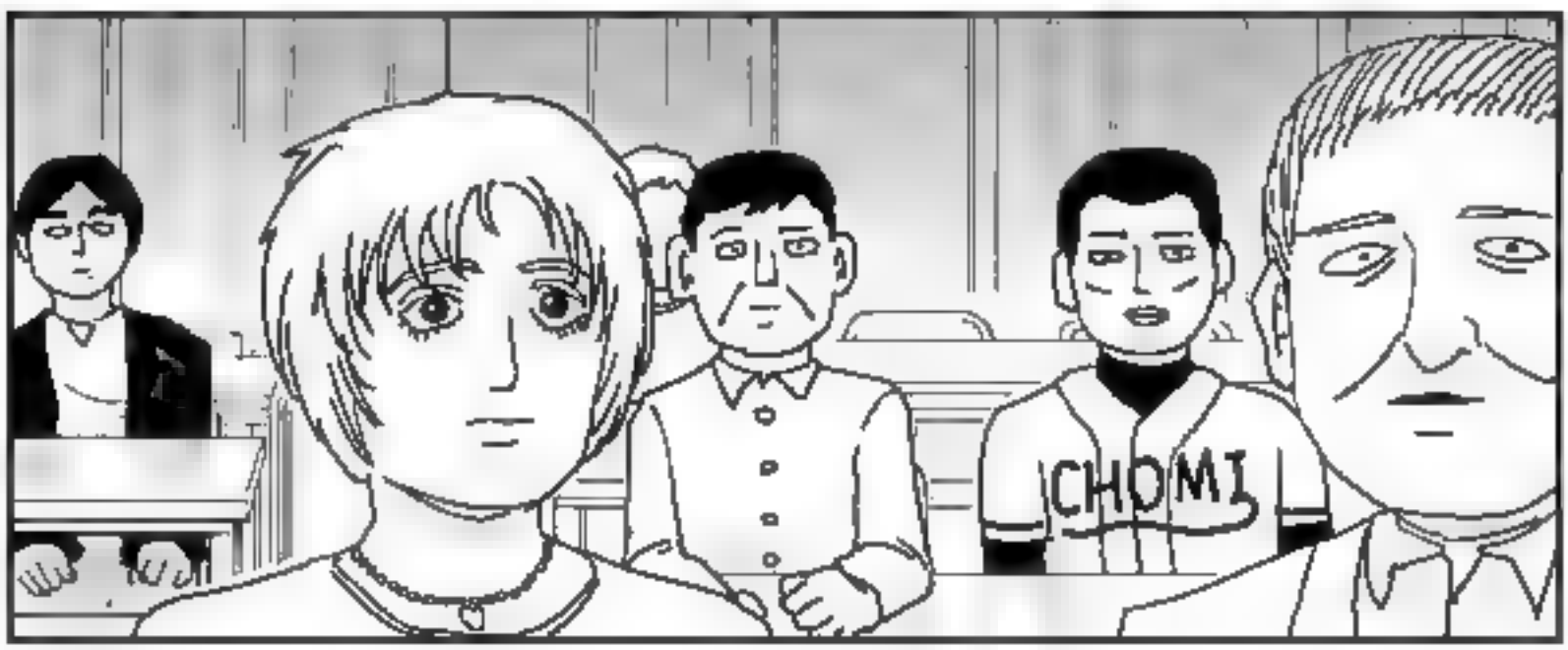
THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WAITING INSIDE THIS MEETING ROOM.

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RITSU.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

PEOPLE FROM THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT.

THEY'RE LIVING NEARBY.

BIG BRO... I'D LIKE YOU TO RETHINK.

HUH?

YOU'LL GET PUNISHED FOR REMOVING THE DIVINE TREE.

THERE'S NO USE PLAYING DUMB.

RETHINK WHAT?

THIS CITY NEEDS THE DIVINE TREE.

THE DIVINE TREE IS NOUR-ISHING EVERY-BODY'S HEART

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SINCE...

WHEN DID YOU SHARE INFORMA-TION WITH THEM?

HOLD ON...

I DIDN'T SEE YOU MAKING A PHONE CALL...

HAVE YOU BECOME MEMBER OF THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT...?

SINCE WHEN...

I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT "I MUST PROTECT THE DIVINE TREE".

I'M STARTING TO GET INVESTED IN THIS TREND AS WELL...

JUST A MOMENT AGO, ON OUR WAY HERE.

YOU BROUGHT US HERE, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH US?

...THAT SOUNDS AWFULLY FISHY, BUT FIRST...

IT'S INCREDI-BLE

THEN SOME-THING TOLD ME THAT EVERY-ONE WOULD BE HERE...

TAKE A SEAT, BRO.

YOU TOO, REIGEN-SAN.

PLEASE, WE'VE EVEN PREPARED TEA FOR YOU.

NO NEED TO BE ON ALERT, WE JUST WANT TO TALK IN PEACE.

THIS RAIN'S SO HARD TO ESTIMATE ...
I SHOULD CLOSE IT
BUT LOOKS LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH AN UMBRELLA.

THEY'RE NOT HEARING US OUT, EH.

I DON'T KNOW AT WHAT POINT THEY DID IT BUT RITSU SEEMS TO BE BRAIN-WASHED

AND SOME-HOW HE INFORMED THE WORSHIPPERS ABOUT OUR PLAN.

DID WE REALLY HAVE TO RUN AWAY THIS QUICKLY?

.. LOOKS LIKE THEY DIDN'T COME AFTER US..

BEFORE YOU KNOW IT BOTH OF US WILL GET CONVERTED TOO!

YOU KNOW IF WE STAYED AT THAT PLACE AND SUBJECTED OURSELVES TO THE GROUP HYPNOSIS,

MAYBE TOME-SAN AND THE OTHERS GOT BRAIN-WASHED TOO..?

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE IT BE LIKE THIS

RITSU GOT BRAINWASHED

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HEY, YOU GUYS!

CALM DOWN... THERE HASN'T BEEN ANYONE WHO SUFFERED ANY HARM FROM IT YET, SO LET'S INVESTI-GATE FURTHER..

LORD PSYCHO HELMET SEES ALL.

YOU SHOULDN'T DO WHAT'S FUTILE

WE'RE BEING WATCHED.
MOB.. THIS TIME YOU WERE RIGHT

IF THE DIVINE TREE WAS GONE, LORD PSYCHO HELMET WOULD BE SAD...
YOU GUYS CAN'T DO IT..
LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS?
IT'S FOR THE BETTER IF YOU DON'T TOUCH THE DIVINE TREE.

AH!!!
THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY!

YOU NEED A GOOD SCOLDING FROM ME THEN ..

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HEY REIGEN ARATA-KA...
YOU HAVE PLANS TO CUT DOWN THE DIVINE TREE, I HEARD...

HOW DID IT END UP LIKE THIS..

WHAT SHALL WE DO..

HALF THE CITY HAS BECOME PSYCHO HELMET WORSHIPPERS

DAMN

HOW-EVER..

IF WE PROCEED ANY FURTHER TOWARDS THE TREE, HE WILL MOST LIKELY SHOW UP TO STOP US.

WE'LL ASK ABOUT HIS PLANS WHEN THAT TIME ARRIVES.

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING LET ALONE HIS GOAL..

THAT PSYCHO HELMET IS AN UNKOWN ESPER.

AH... THE RUNNING HAS MADE ME GET HOT.

EH? WHAT'S WITH THAT T-SHIRT? WHY DID YOU TAKE OFF YOUR UNIFORM?

PUT IT BACK ON. THE SCHOOL UNIFORM GRANTS YOU... A BETTER DEFENSE.

IF HE'S A BAD GUY, BLAST HIM AWAY AND RELEASE EVERYONE FROM THE BRAIN-WASH.

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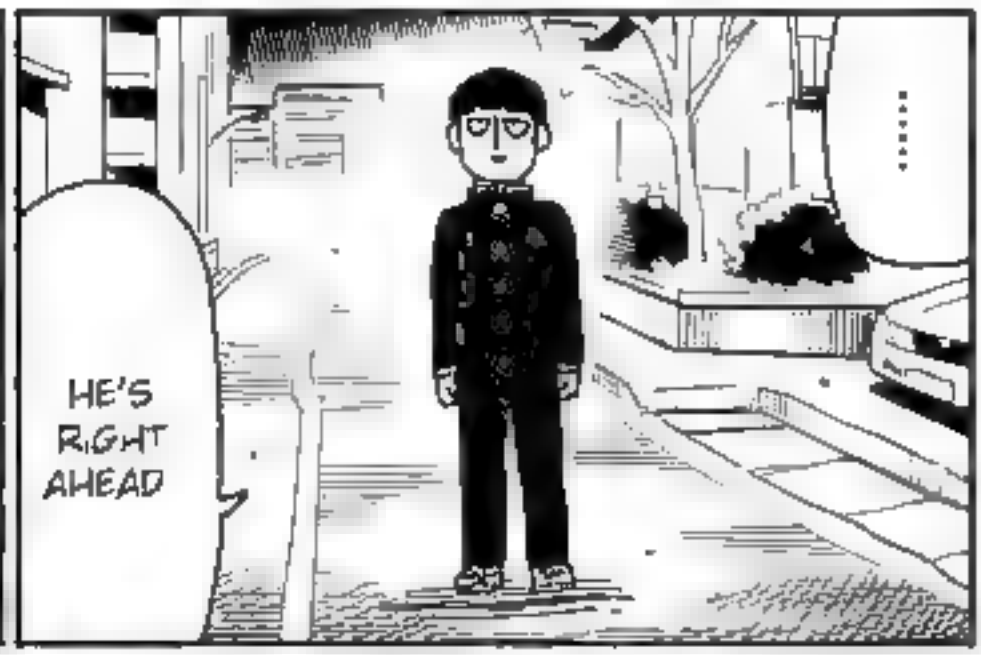
YES
IT WENT QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT
Aww THOSE GUYS HAVE BEEN DOING IS TRYING TO TALK TO US. THEY DIDN'T TRY TO STOP US DIRECTLY WE'RE THIS CLOSE NOW.

WHAT DO YOU TH NK ABOLIT PSYCHO HELMET?
SAY, MOB...


HE'S RIGHT AHEAD
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...NO.
YOu THINK HE'S A BAD GUY?

EVERYONE'S JuST HAVING A GOOD TIME TOGETHER.
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE BAD PEOPLE.

AFTER THE NEW CULT LEADER SHOWED UP, EVERYTHING WAS A LITTLE OFF.

BUT,

TO BE HONEST, I TOO THINK-

YOU THINK SO TOO?

MOB, THERE WAS NO REAL ONE TO BEGIN WITH, SO CALLING HIM A FAKE IS ONLY A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE.

... FAKE.

THEN I CAN'T IGNORE THAT.

IF THAT GUY WAS FAKE. IF HE'S ONLY TRICKING EVERYONE INTO WORSHIPPING HIM.

THEY STARTED WORSHIPPING YOUR SHADOW, BUT A TRUE CULT LEADER HAS NEVER EXISTED.

NO...

THAT YOU ARE THE TRUE "LORD PSYCHO HELMET"?

OR ARE YOU MAYBE IMPLYING.

EH...

SEE HIM AS A FAN CLUB PRESIDENT, AND EVERY-THING SEEMS NATURAL.

BUT EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A LEADER.

CALLING HIMSELF THE FOUNDER OF A BIG NEW RELIGION IS KINDA DUBIOUS...

I THINK PSYCHO HELMET HIMSELF IS NO BAD GUY EITHER.

HE IS BASICALLY DOING WHAT YOU WITH YOUR LACK IN LIFE EXPERIENCE CANNOT, MOB

EVEN IF YOU'RE AN ESPER TOO,

IT MUST BE REALLY HARD WORK IT'S NO WONDER HE HAS GAINED RESPECT FROM PEOPLE AROUND HIM.

DECIDING ON THEIR ORGANIZATION OPERATES AND MAKING SURE EVERY-THING RUNS SMOOTHLY

WHAT LORD PSYCHO HELMET'S BEEN DOING IS ONLY

PRETEND THIS IS A FESTIVAL YOU WIN BY HAVING FUN.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE JEALOUS, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE HIM YOUR ENEMY

OKAY, LET'S GO HOME FOR NOW

WE'LL LOOK FOR ANOTHER WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

IF THEY REALLY NEED THE DIVINE TREE, THEN FORCEFULLY TAKING IT AWAY IS NOT A NICE THING TO DO ..

THAT YOU GOT BRAIN-WASHED?

CAN IT BE.

MASTER REIGEN

OMAKE
I UNDERSTAND

I'M LOOKING AT THE CLOUDS...

AND WHY?

UWAH! HE'S A CLASS-MATE!

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?

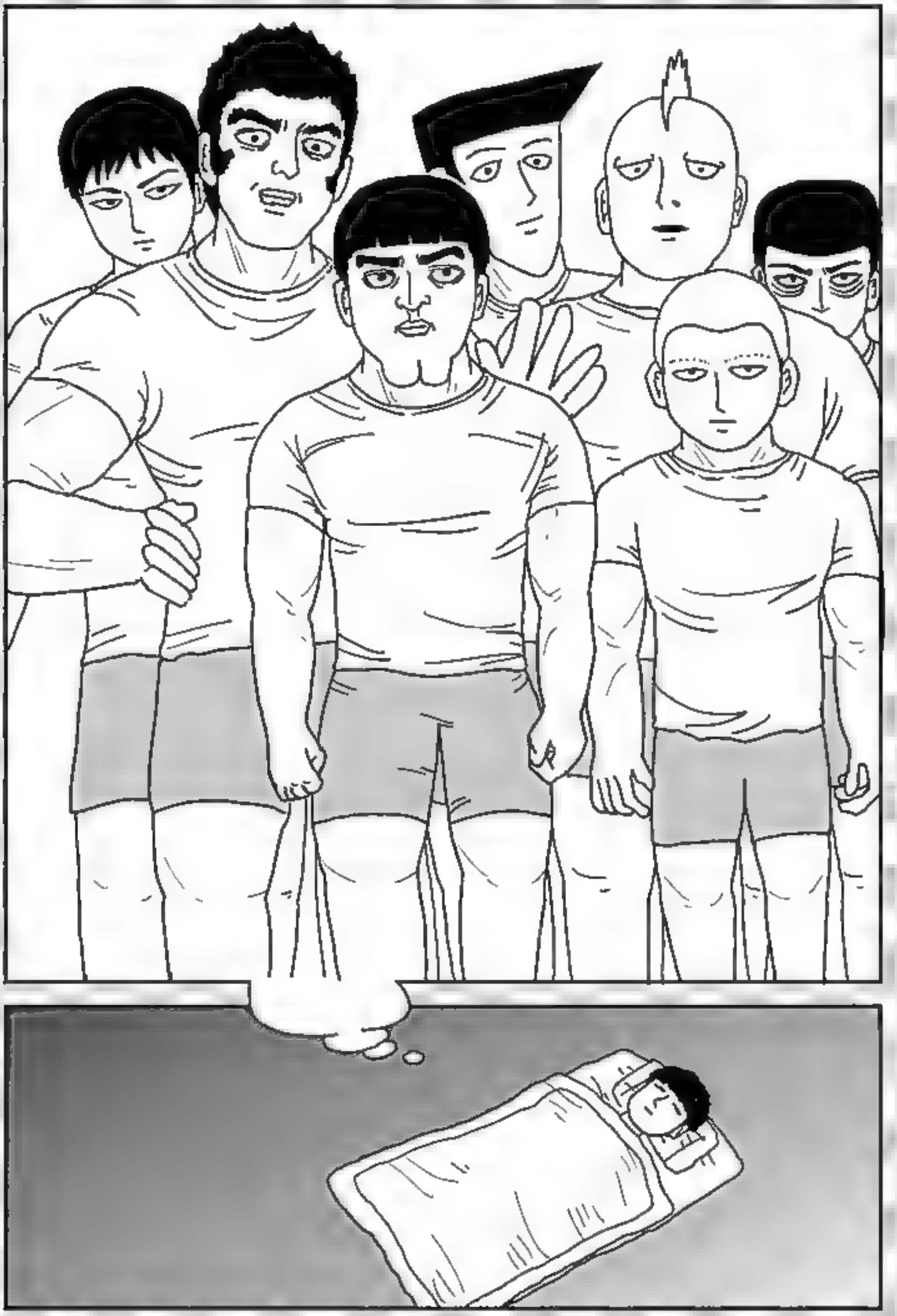
I UNDER-STAND.

LOOKS LIKE I CAN MAKE FRIENDS OUTSIDE TOO.

WHY? NO SPECIFIC REASON... JUST STARING AT THEM...

I ALWAYS THINK THAT MAYBE SOMETHING'S HIDING INSIDE THE CLOUDS ...

A DREAM CARRIED AWAY



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU'RE BEING SILLY.

ME?

BRAIN-WASHED?

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND, WE WERE JUST OVERREACTING. RITSU AND THE OTHER CITIZENS AREN'T BRAIN-WASHED EITHER.

IT'S JUST OUR IMAGI-NATION THAT WE'RE BEING WATCHED

I'M JUST SAYING THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE A FUSS ABOUT THIS RELIGION.

OH...I SEE. THIS IS HOW IT FEELS LIKE IF YOU'RE BEING CALLED OUT FOR "BEING BRAINWASHED" EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT...

THAT THING'S JUST GIGAN-TIC WEED, WEED NEEDS TO GET REMOVED.

HOWEVER, TO THE BELIEVERS IT'S THEIR ONE AND ONLY SYMBOL OF BELIEF.

THE CITY BEING AFFECTED BY THE DIVINE TREE AND THE SPREADING OF THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT ARE TWO SEPARATE THINGS.

BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID TO REMOVE THE BROCCOLI, MASTER.

IS MY RESPON-SIBILITY.

BUT THE BROCCOLI'S SHEER EXIS-TENCE...

WE CAN'T JUST TAKE AWAY WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO OTHER PEOPLE.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CITY ITSELF, OR THE HEART OF THE CITIZENTS... OF COURSE THE HEART IS MORE IMPORTANT.

THINK ABOUT THE PRIORITIES.

NEVER MIND THOSE PESKY DETAILS.

YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY.

OH WELL, GUESS IT'S NOT THAT EASY TO GET AC-CUSTOMED TO A NEW ENVIRON-MENT.

WHY ARE YOU HESITAT-ING?

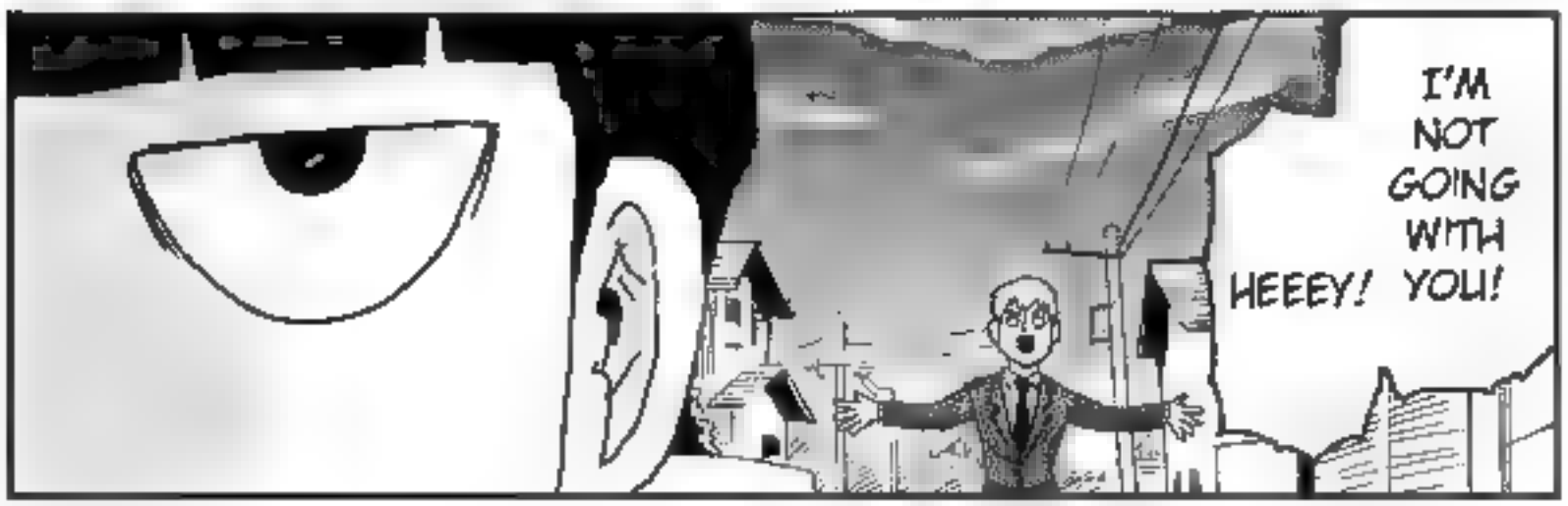
FROM NOW ON, THIS CITY AND THE WORLD, WILL COEX ST WITH THE DIVINE TREE AND PSYCHO HELMET CULT.

WE NEED TO UNDER-STAND HOW THE WOR-SHIPPERS FEEL.

THIS CITY IS NOW UNDER THE CONTROL OF PSYCHO HELMET CULT...

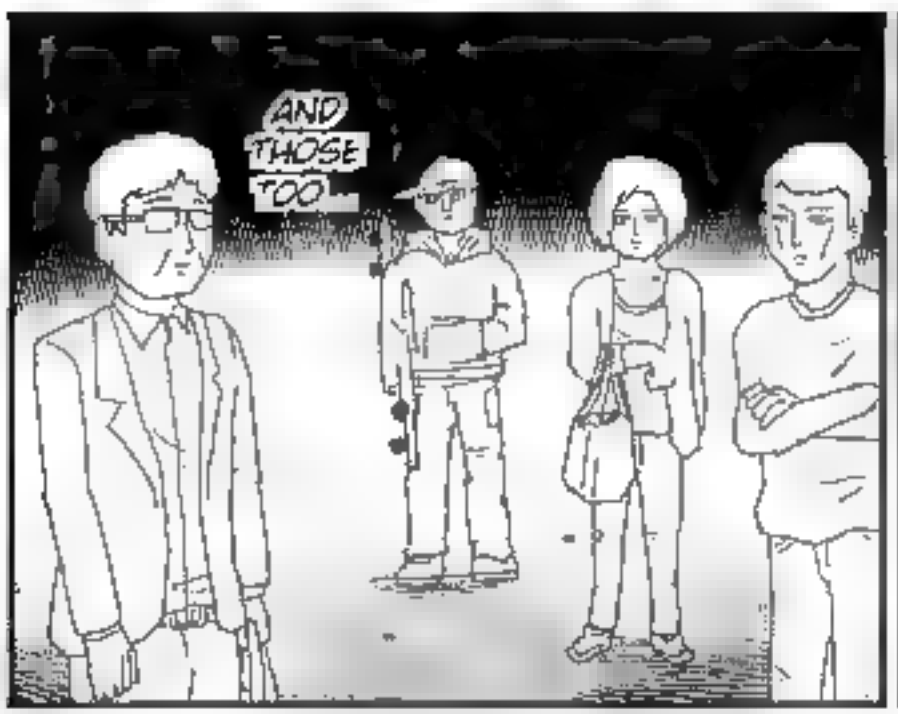
HUH? HEY, MOB!!?

MOB?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING BY YOUR-SELF?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?


HEEEY!
I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU!

THOSE PEOPLE

I WISH I WAS WRONG.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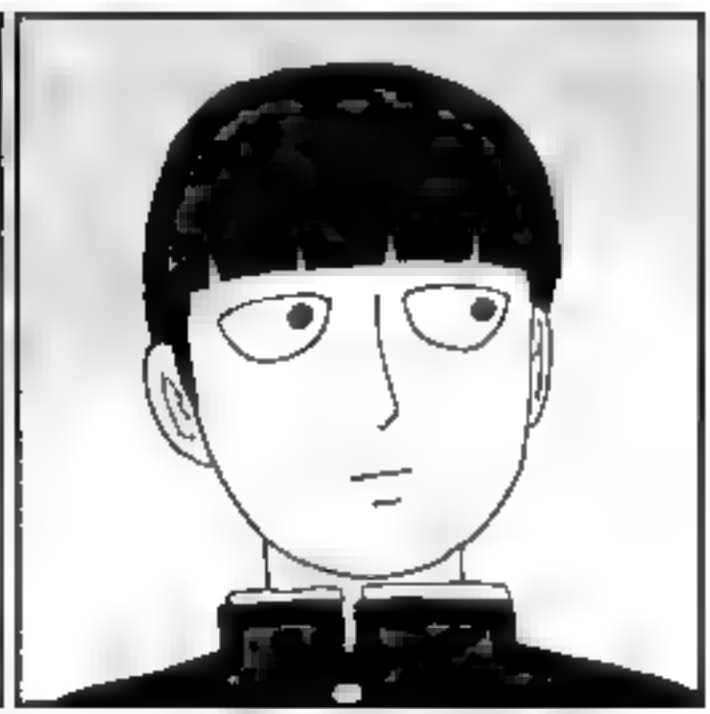

EVERYBODY...
MAYBE I'M THE LAST ONE IN THIS CITY...

MEZATO -SAN AND TOME-SAN TOO...
RITSU TOO...
MASTER REIGEN TOO?..

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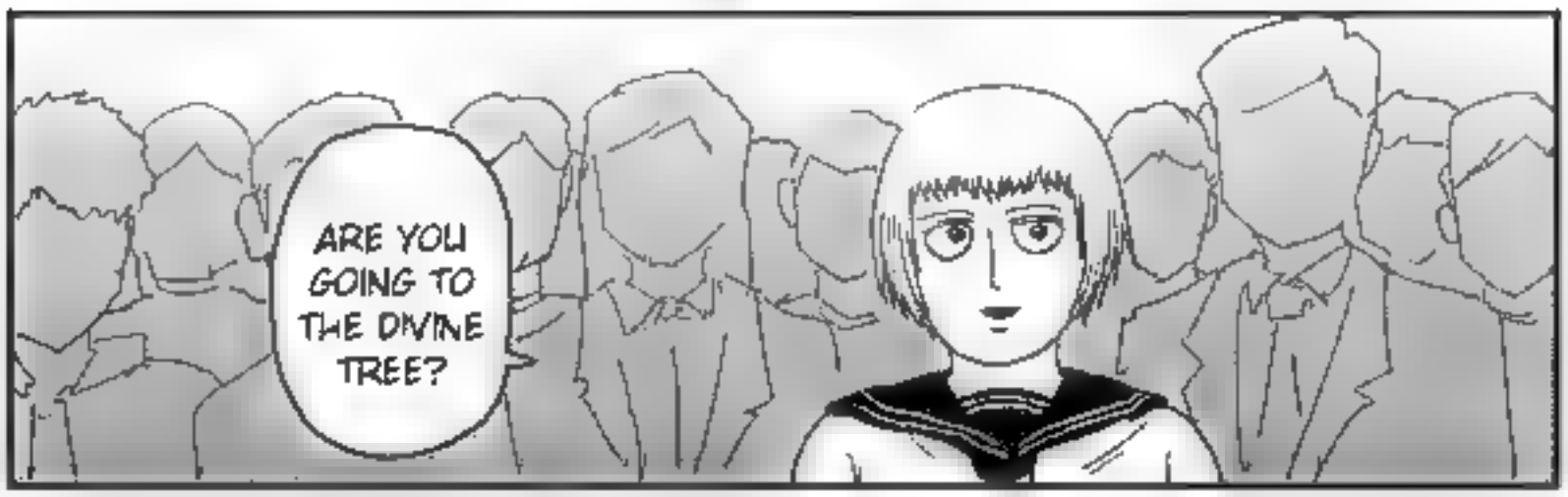
ARE YOU GOING TO THE DIVINE TREE?

HM...

SO THERE'S NO USE STOPPING YOU?

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YEAH..

UHUM ...

I NEED TO TALK TO IT DIRECT-LY ..

EVERYBODY, LET HIM PASS.

I SEE... THEN MAKE A PATH.

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DON'T STOP MOB -KUN.

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"OUR ORIGINAL LORD PSYCHO HELMET".

OOOH...

I HEAR LORD PSYCHO HELMET'S VOICE...

"KAGE-YAMA SHIGEO IS..."

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DOUBLE THE LEADERS!
THERE ARE TWO LORD PSYCHO HELMETS ..!
IT'S SO RE-LIABLE!
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HE CAME HERE BY HIS OWN WILL...
THE FIRST LORD PSYCHO HELMET HAS RETURNED!
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PSYCHO HELMET!
PSYCHO HELMET!
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WE'LL FOLLOW YOU WHER-EVER YOU GO!
PSYCHO HELMET!
HURRAY!
IT'LL ONLY GET MORE HYPE FROM NOW ON!
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I ADMIRE YOU SO MUCH RIGHT NOW!!
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SO DREAMY ...
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PSYCHO HELMET!
PSYCHO HELMET!
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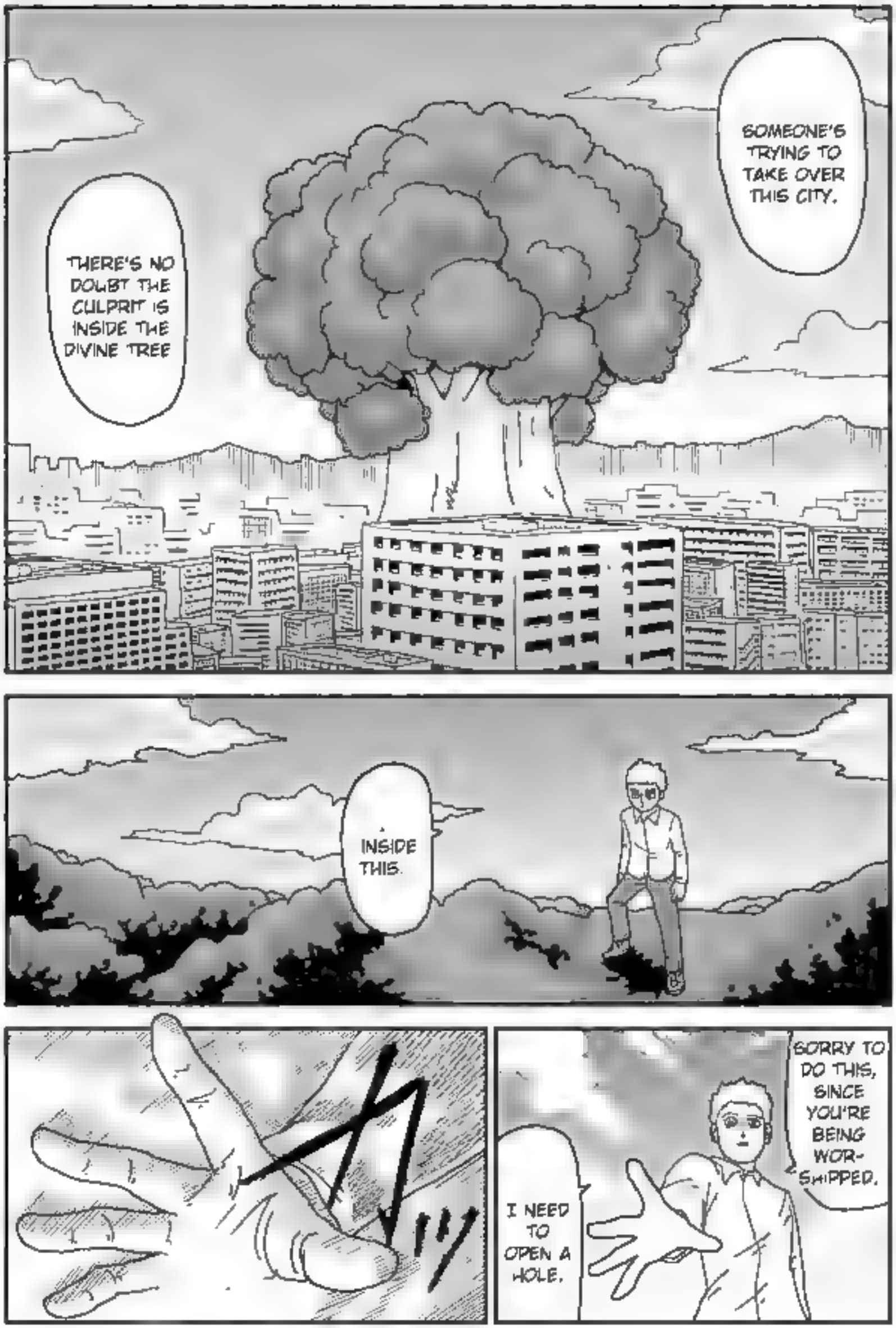
TI note. "a three days break is"
Note. They had a prolongued weekend last week

KURU!

END

TL note: "Coming"

CHAPTER 96
PEACE


THERE'S NO DOUBT THE CULPRIT IS INSIDE THE DIVINE TREE
SOMEONE'S TRYING TO TAKE OVER THIS CITY.
INSIDE THIS.
I NEED TO OPEN A HOLE.
SORRY TO DO THIS, SINCE YOU'RE BEING WOR-SHIPPED.

I WAS CARE-LESS

IT DE-FLECTED MY ATTACK.

UWAH!?

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DID THE CULPRIT RAISE A BARRIER?

AROUND THE ENTIRE TREE? THAT GUY SURE AS HELL AIN'T NO PUSHOVER

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I SENSE SOME-ONE

HAH

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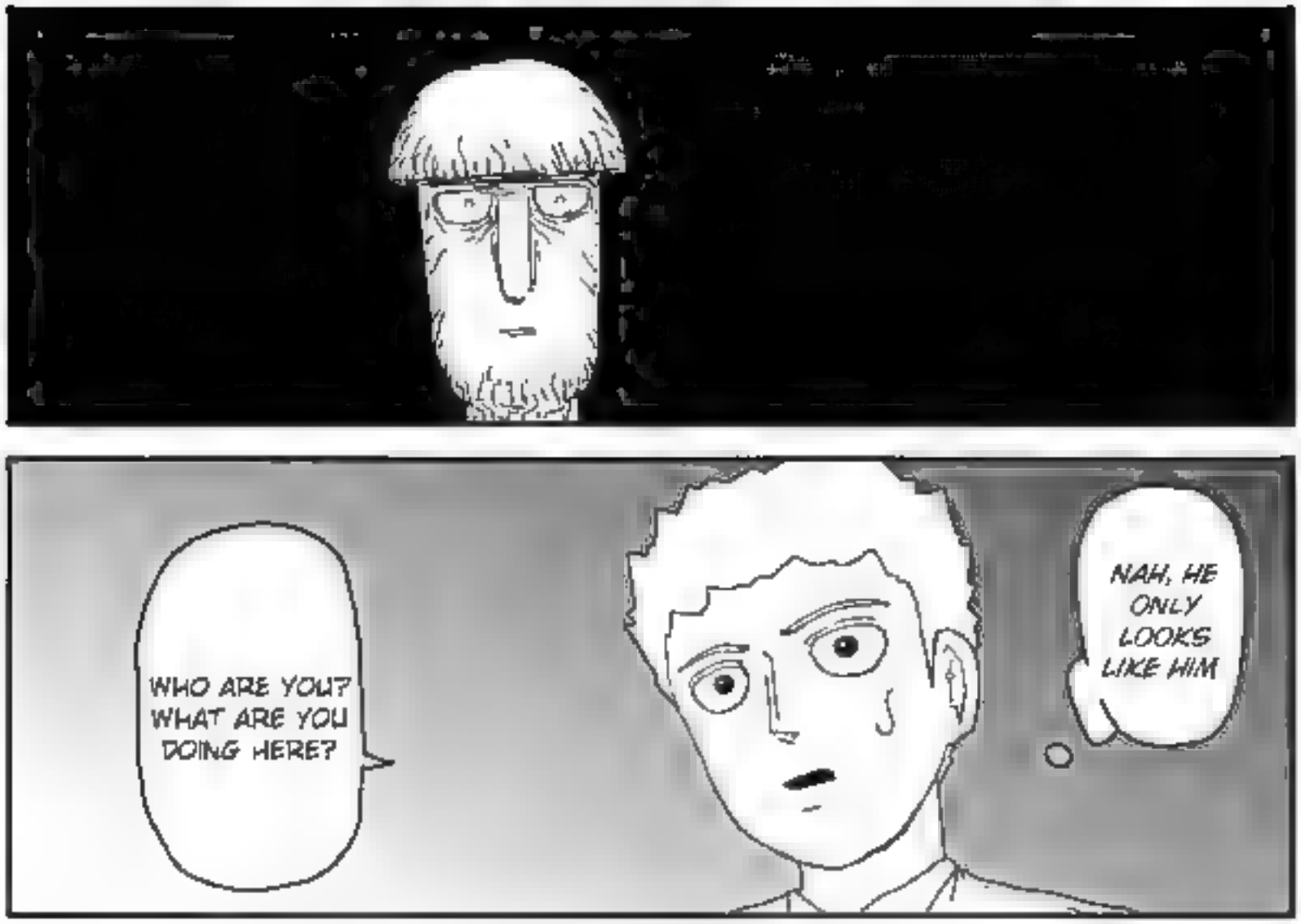
LOOKS LIKE...

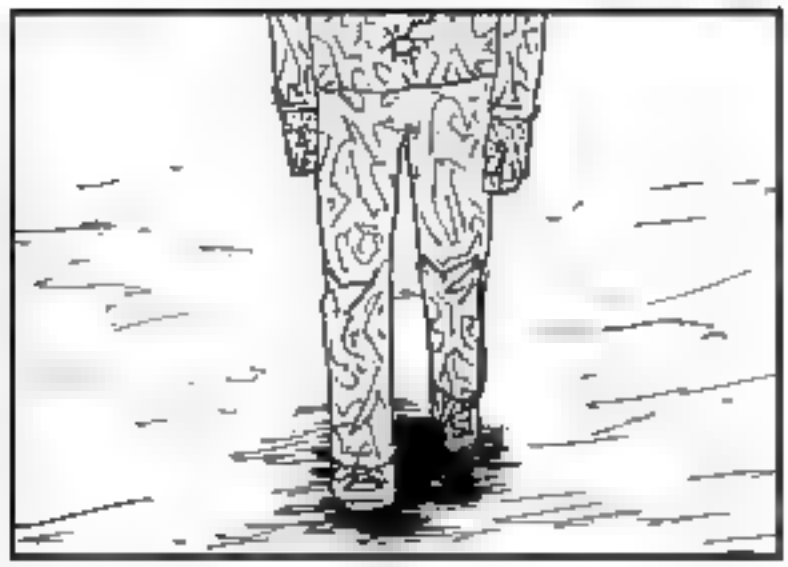
YOU WERE PREPARED FOR MY ARRIVAL.

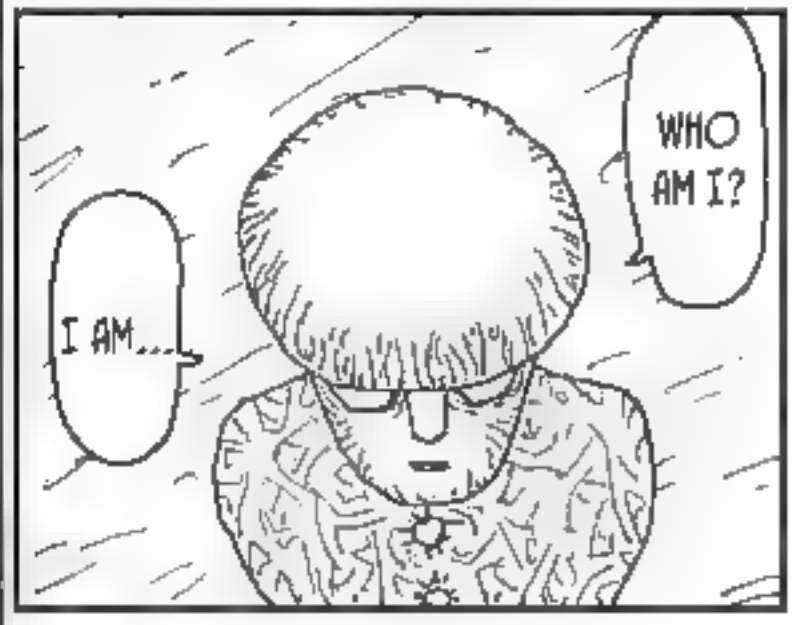
...HM?

HUH!? KAGEYAMA-KUN?


WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
NAH, HE ONLY LOOKS LIKE HIM

GOD ...
ISN'T THIS OBVIOUS?




WHO AM I?
I AM...

GOD ...

YOU'RE GOD...

AH...

I APOLOGIZE FOR MY INSO-LENCE...

PLEASE BE MERCIFUL...

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

THAT'S TRUE...

LORD PSYCHO HELMET ..

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAKE SURE TO WORSHIP ME FROM NOW ON.

I'LL LET YOU GO THIS TIME, GO BACK.

I DO NOT WELCOME ANY HARM TOWARDS THE DIVINE TREE, WHICH STRENGTHENS MY EXISTENCE.

WOR-SHIP...

..... GOD...

YES...

TCH...

YOU TOO ARE ONE OF THOSE PESKY ONES.

.....

EMPTY SHELL...?

PSYCHO HELMET ..

DIVINE TREE...

RELI-GION...

HOW DARE YOU .

TRYING IT ON ME OVER AND OVER.

YOUR BRAIN-WASHING ...

AND THOSE SEEKING SHELTER FROM THEIR INSECURE DAILY LIFE...

I JUST TOLD YOU NOT TO HARM THE DIVINE TREE.

BRAIN-WASH?

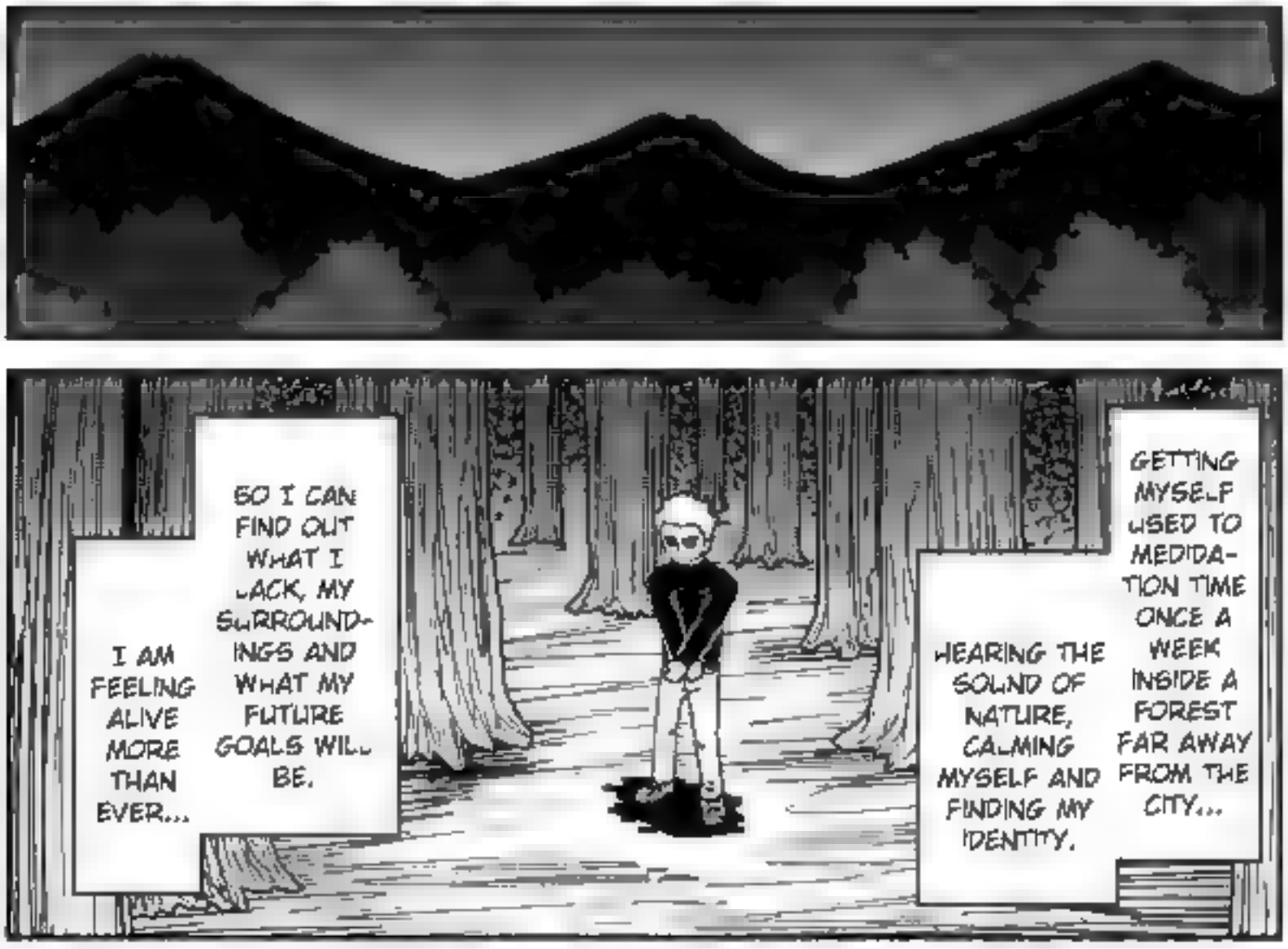
IT'S A BLESSING

WITH ME IN THE CENTER, EVERYBODY WILL BE HAPPY

I GAVE GOOD FOR NOTHING COMMON-ERS LIKE YOU...

A SANCTUARY FOR YOUR HEART YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.

OMAKE BUG


I AM FEELING ALIVE MORE THAN EVER...
SO I CAN FIND OUT WHAT I LACK, MY SURROUND-INGS AND WHAT MY FUTURE GOALS WILL BE.
HEARING THE SOUND OF NATURE, CALMING MYSELF AND FINDING MY IDENTITY.
GETTING MYSELF USED TO MEDITA-TION TIME ONCE A WEEK INSIDE A FOREST FAR AWAY FROM THE CITY...

AND COMING TO THE REALIZATION HOW UNIMPORT-ANT THE THINGS IN DAILY LIFE ARE.
EARNING PRECIOUS EXPERI-ENCE FROM A SLOWED DOWN RHYTHM.
TIMES LIKE THESE ARE IMPORT-ANT
I AM CALLING FOR MY NATURAL INSTINCTS THAT I HAVE LOST LIVING IN CIVILI-ZATION.

THAT'S THE LAST TIME HE MEDITATED
SHARPEN-ING MY 5 SENSES ...
AH

EVERYBODY ACKNOWL-EDGES YOU AS THE FIRST LEADER,
AND ARE WATCHING YOU
I EXPECT YOU TO TAKE THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT EVEN FURTHER.
THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO RELEASE YOUR PSY-CHIC POWER FOR OTHERS' SAKE
TELE-PATHY...
WHO IS THIS?
IS IT "PSYCHO HELMET-SAN"?
ALL THE APPLAUSE AND CHEE-RING THAT WERE STRANGE EYES LOOKING TO YOU, UP TO YOU,
ALL OF IT ARE NOW DIRECTED TOWARDS YOU.
THE WORLD SPINS AROUND YOU.
HOW DOES IT FEEL?
IT'S A DAMN GOOD FEELING, ISN'T IT?

I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU FACE TO FACE.

I'M RIGHT IN FRONT.

NOT AT ALL.

AT THE ROOT OF THE BROC-COLI.

WHERE ARE YOU?

THIS IS NO LONGER A SIMPLE BROCCOLI..

IT HAS ABSORBED THE PEOPLE'S WILL AND HAS NOW BECOME A WHOLE DIFFERENT ENTITY.

THE GATHERING OF THE STRONG WILL HAS MANIFESTED IT INTO REALITY.

BUT AMONGST THOSE WHO BELIEVE, IT EXISTS.

IN THE EYES OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN NOTHING, NOTHING EXISTS.

HAVE YOU EVER STRONGLY BELIEVED IN SOMETHING?

HAS MANIFESTED AS A DEFINITE EXISTENCE AND HAS DESCENDED UPON YOU...

A NEW GOD NAMED PSYCHO HELMET...

FROM NOW ON, THE WORLD WILL CHANGE TREMENDOUSLY...

GOD...?

NEVER.

NEVER...

THEY CANNOT SHARE THESE FEELINGS WITH OTHERS.

PASSION AND EXCITEMENT, JOY... HAPPINESS.

THEY CAN ONLY WITNESS THEMSELVES BEING LEFT BEHIND BY THE WORLD.

BUT THOSE WHO REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT... THOSE WHO REFUSE TO STEP INTO THE CIRCLE, THEY WON'T CHANGE.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST IN CHARGE OF A GROUP.

SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BECOME A GOD?

PSYCHO HELMET IS THE REINCARNATION OF THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS.

THAT'S THE SETUP.

HE GUIDES THE PEOPLE ONTO THE RIGHT PATH, SO THEY FIND PEACE AT HEART.

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IS IT REALLY WORKING THAT WELL?

THE PEACE AT HEART IS VERY EASILY SAID.

THE RIGHT PATH... I DOUBT THERE WERE THAT MANY ON THE WRONG PATH TO BEG N WITH.

JUST LET THE BELIEVERS MAKE SOMETHING UP TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES.

THAT WILL BECOME NOURISHMENT FOR ME.

THE ONLY RULE FOR NOW IS FOR THEM TO PRAY TO THE DIVINE TREE 5 MINUTES A DAY.

THERE'S NO CODEX OF ANY KIND YET.

I DUNNO, I MADE IT UP.

REIGEN TOO...

RITSU TOO...

TSUBOMI -CHAN TOO.

AND THE ONE YOU LIKE,

AREN'T ALL THOSE BELIEVERS HAVING A GOOD TIME?

YOU SEEM TO DISAGREE WITH THAT...

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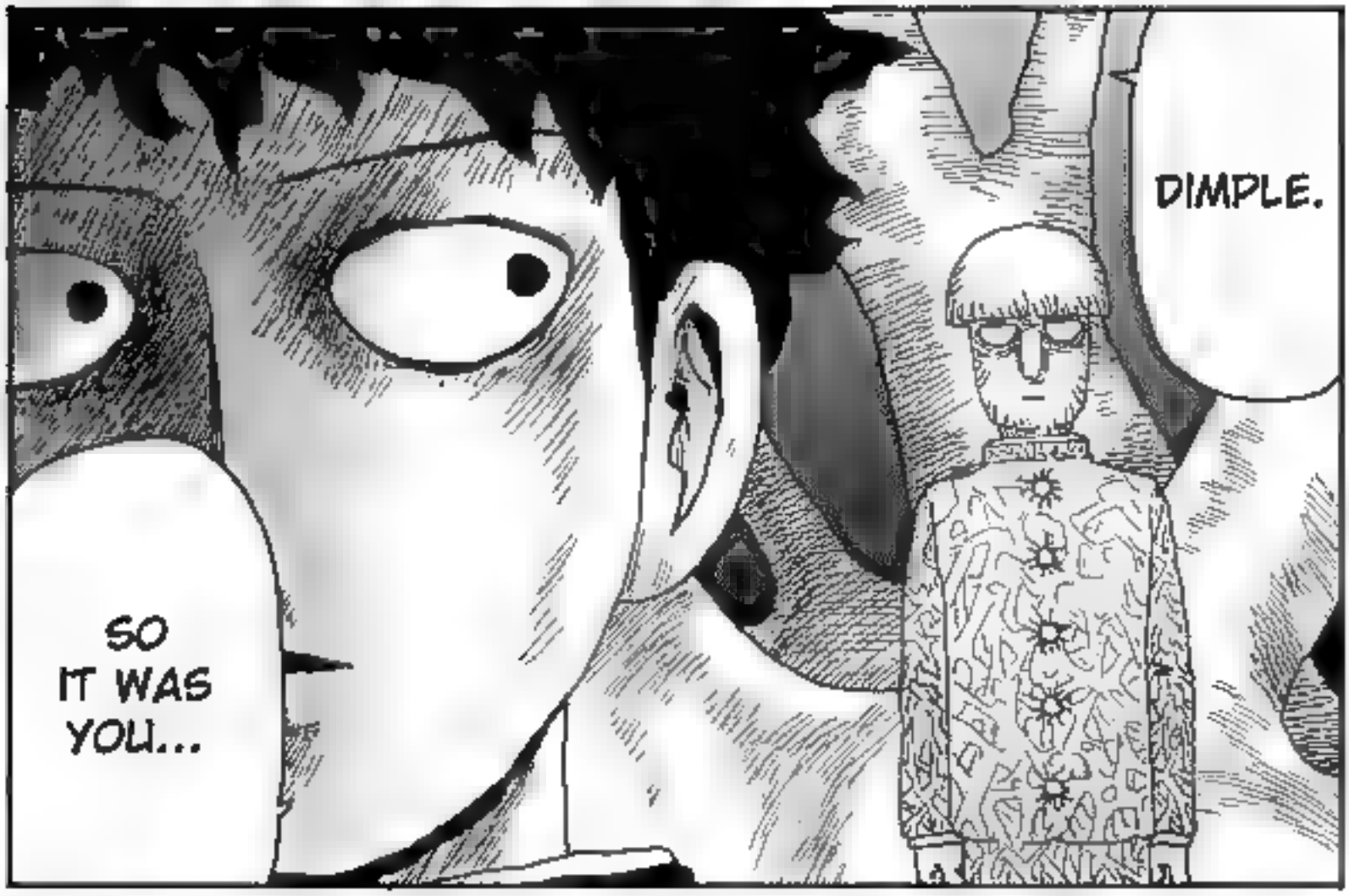
MASTER REIGEN SAID THAT TOO...

HAVING FUN IS THE ONLY WAY TO WIN.

HE CAME THE FIRST INSTANCE HE NOTICED SOMETHING WAS OFF AND TRIED TO HINDER ME.

WHOOPS, HE'S AN EXCEPTION.


DIMPLE.
SO IT WAS YOU...

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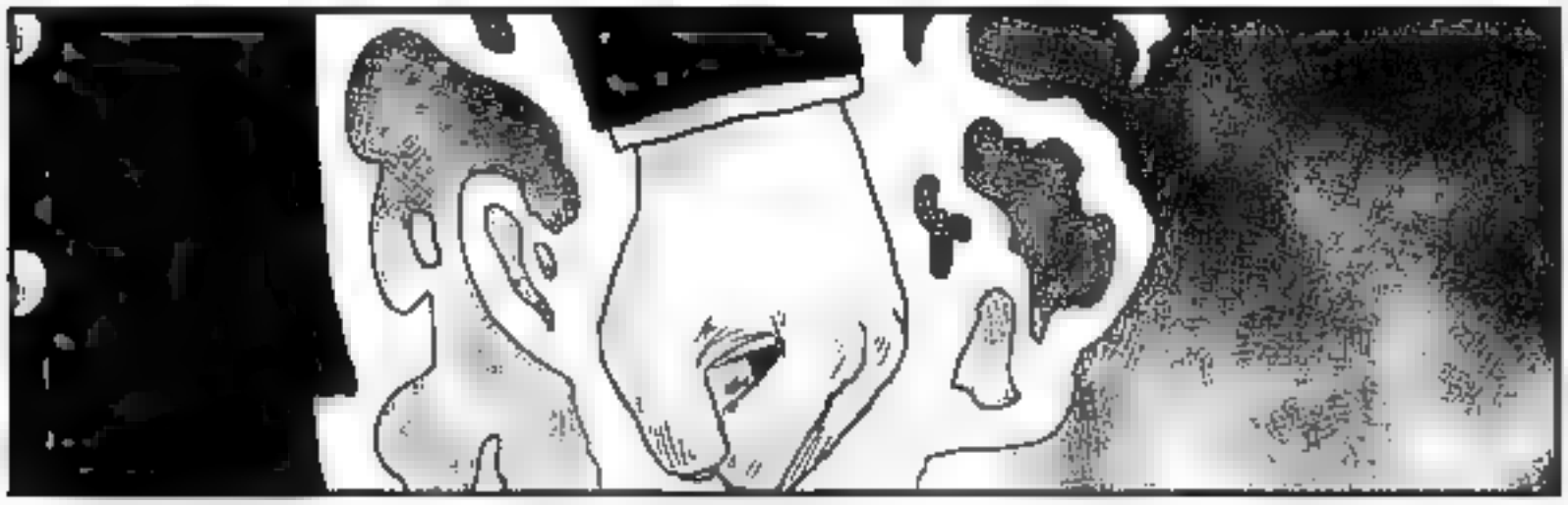

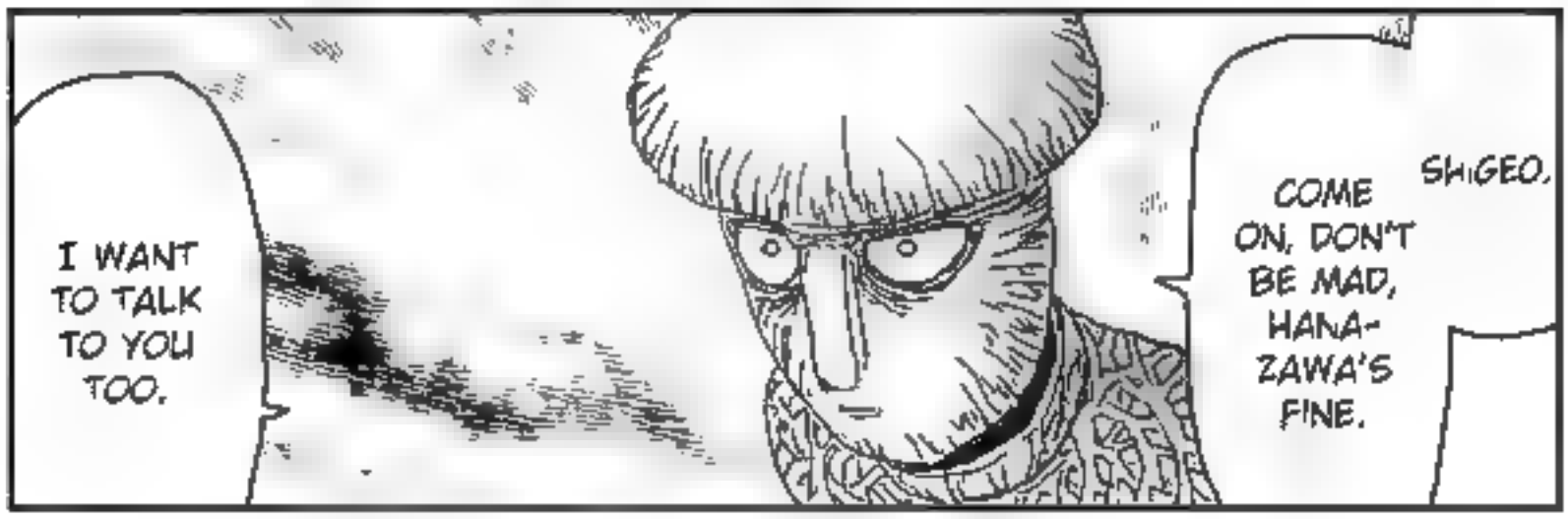
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU TOO.
SHIGEO.
COME ON, DON'T BE MAD, HANA-ZAWA'S FINE.

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FOR NOW,

I'M STILL WILLING TO LET YOU ASSUME THE POSITION OF A SECOND CULT LEADER.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND BRING THIS TO FRUITION AS A TWO-MAN TEAM.

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JOIN THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT.

THERE'S STILL TIME.

WHY?

YOU DON'T NEED TO USE ME ANYMORE, DO YOU?

IT SEEMS TO ME...

...THAT YOU ALONE ARE ALREADY POWERFUL ENOUGH.

YOU CAN GAIN SO MUCH MORE POWER IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I THINK IT WOULD BE A REAL WASTE IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE GOOD USE OF IT.

YOU STILL HAVE POTENTIAL, SHIGEO. I CAN TELL.

...WELL, I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT.

BUT, YOU KNOW...

I REFUSE.

YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS, JUST ABOUT EVERYONE...

A WORLD WHEREIN BELIEF IN LORD PSYCHO HELMET BRINGS THEM HAPPINESS.

THEY'RE ALREADY LIVING IN A DIFFERENT WORLD FROM YOU.

ABANDONED BY THE MOVEMENT OF A NEW FAITH.

WITHIN THIS CITY, ONLY YOU HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND, SHIGEO.

AND NO ONE IS COMING BACK FOR YOU.

IT'S POINTLESS.

SO QUIT BEING SO STUBBORN.

I'M MAD.

OBVI-OUSLY.

ARE YOU MAD?

EVERYONE IS JUST BEING BRAIN-WASHED BY YOU, DIMPLE.

KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY.

THAT KIND OF PHYSICAL CONTACT IS HOW I INVADED THEIR MINDS.

STAGE ONE IS... TOUCHING THE DIVINE TREE, ORALLY CONSUMING A PART OF THE DIVINE TREE IN THEIR FOOD, SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU EVEN MANAGE TO BRAINWASH RITSU AND MASTER REIGEN?

WAKE EVERY-ONE UP RIGHT NOW.

AND NOW, WE'RE ENTERING STAGE THREE.

THE PASSION OF STRONG BELIEF IS TRANS-MITTED FROM NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR.

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, IT'S LIKE GETTING SWALLOWED UP BY THE MOOD.

THIS EFFECT IS HOW MOST OF THE DIVINE TREE'S POWER GETS AMPLIFIED.

STAGE TWO IS...

WHEN THE MINDS OF THE UNAWAKENED MINORITY GET DRAGGED INTO THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS THAT WAS FORMED EARLIER.

REIGEN GOT CAUGHT UP IN THIS.

IT'S GONNA BE INCRED-IBLE...

I REALLY AM BECOMING A NEW GOD.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE PSYCHO HELMET FAITH SPREADS TO EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY.

IT'LL BE ANOTHER MONTH OR SO, I'D SAY...

FROM HERE ON OUT, I DON'T HAVE TO DO A THING. THE CULT IS EXPANDING OF ITS OWN ACCORD.

HOW UNLIKE YOU, TO POSE SUCH AN EMOTIONAL, ONE-SIDED ARGUMENT.

AREN'T YOU THE ONE GETTING SO WORKED UP THAT YOU WON'T EVEN TRY TO UNDERSTAND?

I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT "BECOMING A GOD"...

NOW, HURRY UP...

...AND REVERSE THE BRAINWASHING.

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

THAT IS WHAT'S TRULY POINTLESS.

WHAT YOU CONSIDER "BRAINWASHING" ISN'T AS BAD AS YOU THINK.

IT'S NOT LIKE THEIR PERSONALITIES HAVE BEEN OVERWRITTEN OR ANYTHING...

THEIR HOBBIES, THE THINGS THEY LIKE— NONE OF THOSE IMPORTANT THINGS HAVE CHANGED AT ALL.

RITSU, REIGEN, THE BODY IMPROVEMENT CLUB GUYS... IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'LL TREAT YOU COLDLY FROM NOW ON.

SO FAR, NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

ALTHOUGH THE FACT THAT THEY'VE BECOME MEMBERS OF THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT... WOULD BE AN EXCEPTION.

ALL I DID WAS ADD ONE NEW COMPONENT TO THE SYSTEM OF VALUES THAT DETERMINES HOW THEY PRIORITIZE THINGS.

PLUS, A FEELING OF HAPPINESS...

THE BELIEVERS ARE TAKING PART IN A SHARED SENSE OF WELL-BEING.

I CERTAINLY DON'T MEAN FOR YOU TO FEEL LEFT OUT.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US, THEN COME ON OVER.

NOW... WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?

HOW AM I IN THE WRONG HERE?

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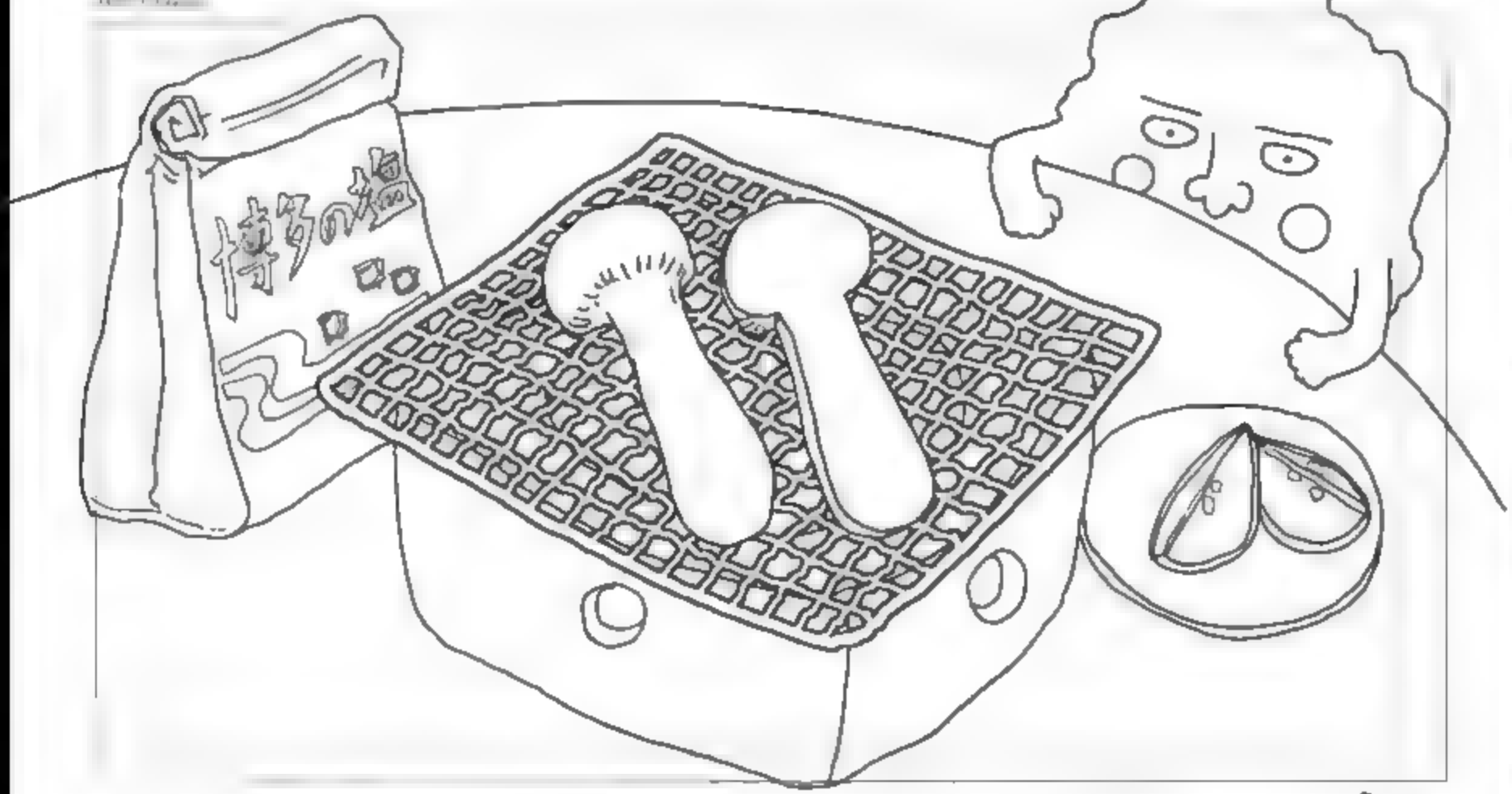

"IN THE WRONG," HUH...
.....
YOU'RE A COWARD.
DIMPLE...

THE WORLD HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO RESIST, NOT SINCE THE FIRST LAWS WERE CREATED. THAT'S HOW SOCIETY IS STRUCTURED.
AS LONG AS THEY'RE UNAWARE OF IT, YOU CAN'T CALL THAT A PROBLEM.
USING "POWER" TO MOVE PEOPLE'S HEARTS...
YOU'RE MAKING IT SO THAT NO ONE CAN RESIST.
FROM THE BEGIN-NING...
YOU'VE BEEN IMPOSING YOUR OWN VIEWS ON OTHERS, LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.
AND I HAD TO PLAY ALONG WITH THAT.
BUT NOW, YOU'RE EVEN THINKING OF USING "POWER" TO FORCE ME TO SURRENDER, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
ONLY BECAUSE YOU LEAVE ME WITH NO CHOICE.
UNLESS YOU CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE.
BECAUSE YOU'RE BRAIN-WASHING MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS...
IT MIGHT NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I'M REALLY HOLDING BACK RIGHT NOW.
WAIT, KAGEYAMA-KUN...
THINK CAREFULLY. IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE IS AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE OF HIM.

AND YET...
YOU INTEND TO PUNISH HIM ON YOUR OWN, LIKE SOME KIND OF VIGILANTE?
NOTHING DIMPLE-KUN IS DOING IS AS EVIL AS YOU THINK...
EH.
...BUT IF YOU RESORT TO VIOLENCE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO CHOOSE, IT'S ALL OVER.
WHETHER YOU PARTICIPATE OR DECLINE, THAT'S YOUR CHOICE...
LET'S COMPOSE OUR-SELVES FOR A MOMENT.
DIMPLE-KUN IS ONLY TRYING TO PERSUADE YOU.
NO, IF YOU MAKE A MOVE, IT'S OVER.
KAGEYAMA-KUN... AND YOUR CONNECTION TO DIMPLE-KUN...
OVER? NO, THERE'S STILL TIME.
DIMPLE'S PSYCHO HELMET CULT ISN'T GETTING SERIOUS YET...

WITH KAGE-YAMA-KUN AS MY OPPO-NENT...
I SUPPOSE I'D REALLY HAVE TO GO ALL OUT...
EVEN OUR RELATION-SHIP... ALL OF THAT WILL END.
IF YOU PLAN TO DISSOLVE THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT WITH BRUTE FORCE, I WILL STOP YOU.
THE SAME GOES FOR EVERY-ONE IN THE CITY.
EVERYONE... IN ORDER TO PROTECT WHAT IS PRECIOUS TO THEM, THEY ARE WILLING TO OPPOSE YOU...
HYPO-THET-ICALLY, IF YOU WERE TO DEFEAT ME HERE...
BROTHER-KUN AND REIGEN-SAN WOULD BE TOO ANGRY TO LET IT SLIDE.
TAKE YOUR TIME... AND TAKE A HINT.
WILL YOU LEAVE PEACE-ABLY AND LET IT END LIKE THIS, OR WILL YOU STIR THINGS UP BY CLUMSILY INTER-VENING...
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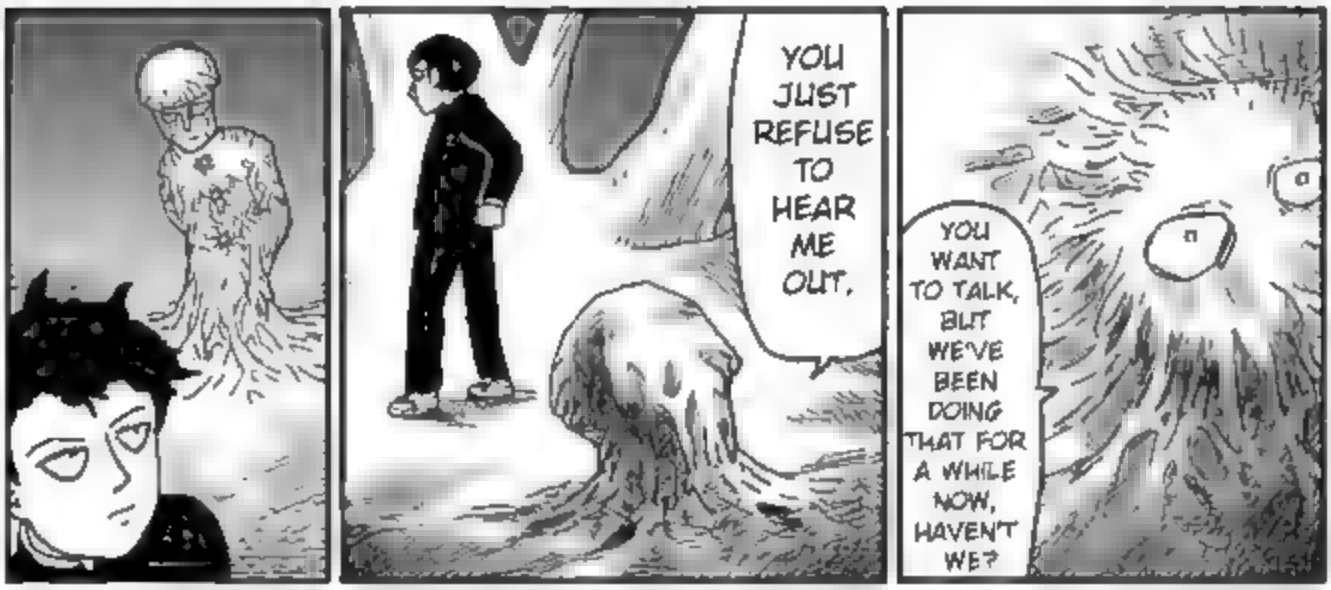
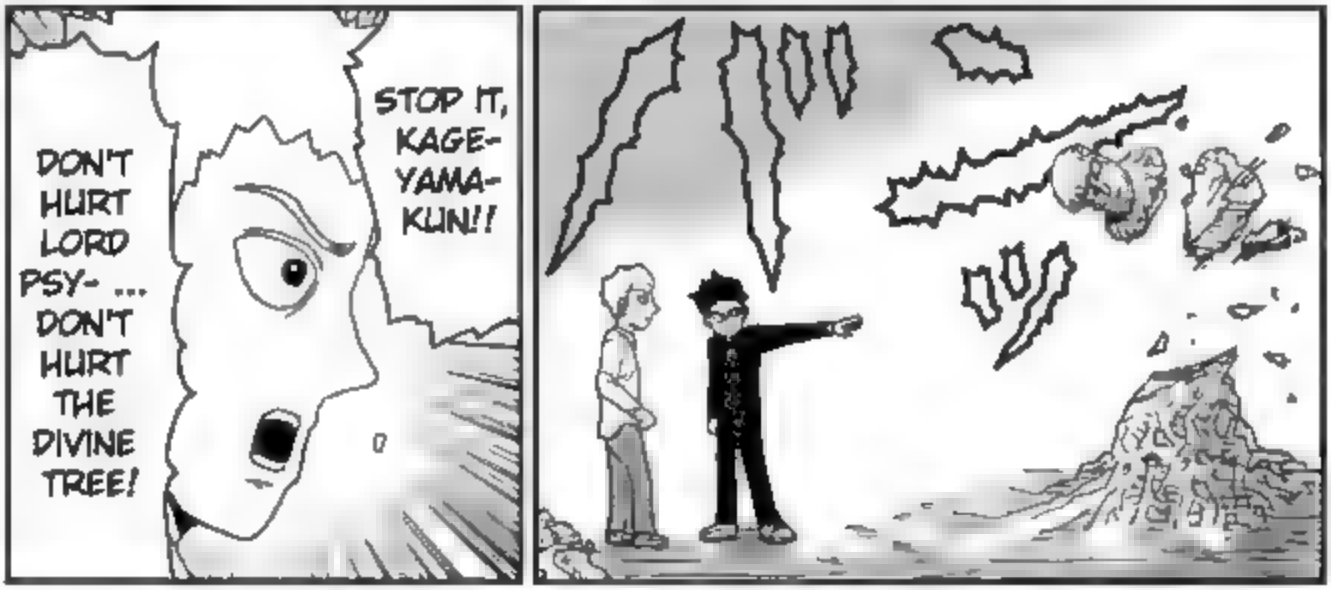
HANAZAWA MEANS YOU NO HARM. HIS ARGU-MENT IS BASED ON HIS TRUE FEELINGS AND HIS CONCERN FOR YOU.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? EVERYONE'S DAILY LIVES WILL BE THE SAME AS EVER, EVEN IF YOU BACK OFF NOW.
DIMPLE... YOU'RE...

I'M DONE TALKING TO A BROCCOLI PUPPET.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE...!?
NOW I COULDN'T POSSIBLY LET YOU MEET HIM DIRECTLY, KAGE-YAMA-KUN!!
COME OUT. THE REAL DIMPLE.
LET'S TALK FACE TO FACE.
HANA-ZAWA-KUN... PLEASE.
LET ME TALK TO DIMPLE.

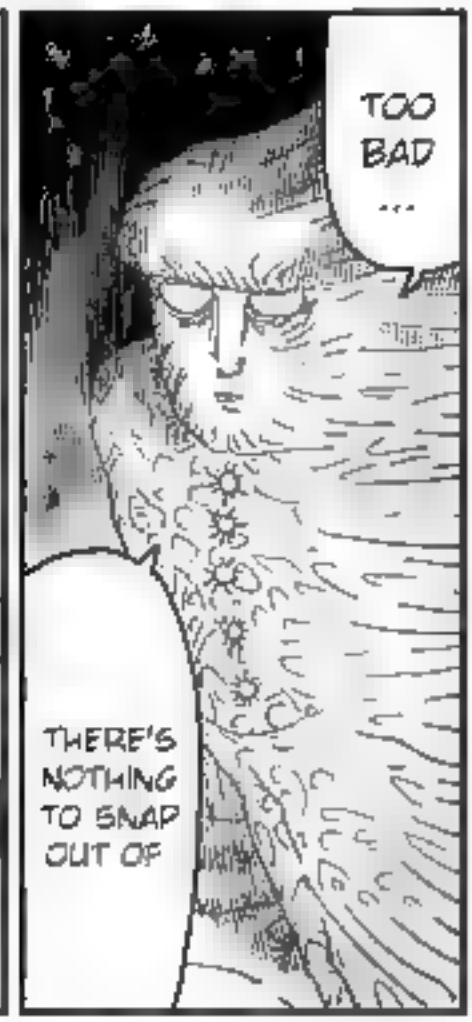

YOU JUST REFUSE TO HEAR ME OUT.
YOU WANT TO TALK, BUT WE'VE BEEN DOING THAT FOR A WHILE NOW, HAVEN'T WE?


DON'T HURT LORD PSY- ... DON'T HURT THE DIVINE TREE!
STOP IT, KAGE-YAMA-KUN!!

I AM YOUR OPPONENT.

SNAP OUT OF IT!
HANAZAWA-KUN!

I NOW SIMPLY HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL THING I CHERISH!
AND I HAVE TO PROTECT THAT FROM YOU!


TOO BAD ...
THERE'S NOTHING TO SNAP OUT OF

I'M GOING TO FIGHT KAGEYAMA-KUN UNTIL YOU DECIDE TO TURN BACK!!

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SORRY.

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GUH... KH. .

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DIMPLE!

COME OUT!

DIVINITY DWELLS INSIDE THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

RIGHT NOW, A GOD IS RESTING INSIDE HANAZAWA.

THE POWER.
KEEPS POURING OUT !

HANA... ZAWA... KUN

SORRY.

COUGH

THAT WAS REALLY POWER-FUL.

UWAH

KAGEYAMA-KUN SHOULD BE OKAY FROM THIS, BUT.

THE DIVINE TREE GOT HURT AGAIN..

THE BROCCOLI'S ROOTS?

!

LET THE DIVINE TREE'S ROOTS WRAP YOU UP AND COOL DOWN FOR A BIT, THEN YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR WAY OF THINKING TOO

WELL DONE, HANA-ZAWA

SH GEO

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THESE ROOTS ..

ARE DANGER-OUS!

HANAZAWA-KUN!!!

GET OUT OF HERE!

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KU...
LORD PSYCHO HELMET, GET BEHIND ME...
ARE YOU SERIOUS, KAGEYAMA-KUN!!?
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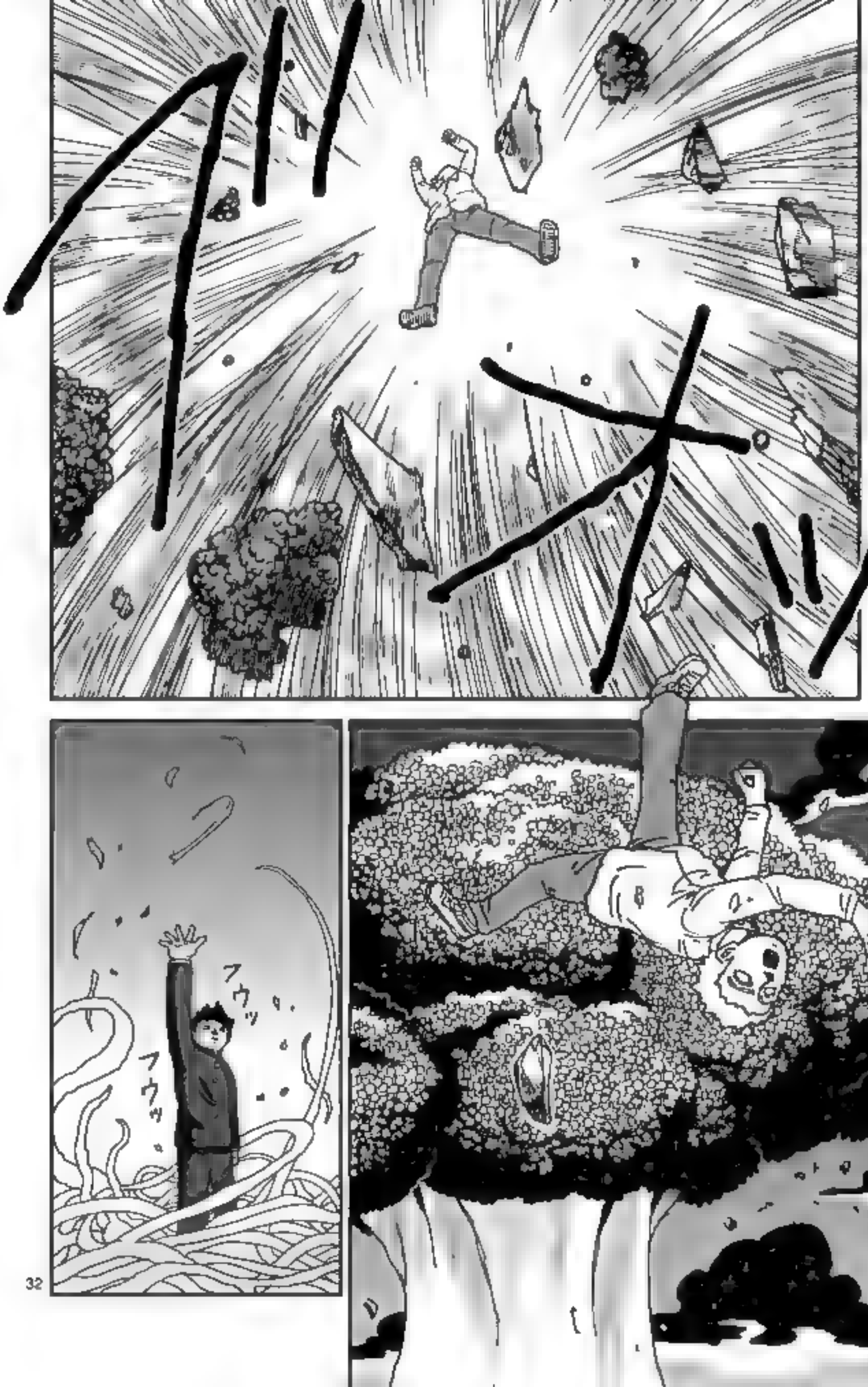
WAH

HAHA

HE IS REALLY AMAZ-ING!

A... AMAZING!



WELL...IT'LL CLOSE UP SOON ENOUGH...

UH-OHH... YOU OPENED AN AIR HOLE IN THE DIVINE TREE..

SHIGEO.

THERE ARE HURDLES TO OVERCOME TO BECOME A GOD...

OMAKE
MEAT

WAIT, DON'T PICK IT UP YET, LET IT COOK A BIT LONGER.

LOOK CAREFULLY, YOU GUYS...

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AS THANKS FOR HELPING HIM OUT, REIGEN TOOK THE THREE OUT TO A BARBECUE SHOP.

TODAY'S PAYMENT WAS GOOD... SO SEE TH S AS A TREAT.

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THIS IS BARBECUE

AMAZING... SO THIS IS...!

BRO, YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY

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IT'S POINT-LESS

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DIMPLE
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HOW COME YOU AREN'T SHOWING YOUR FACE.
HOW COME?

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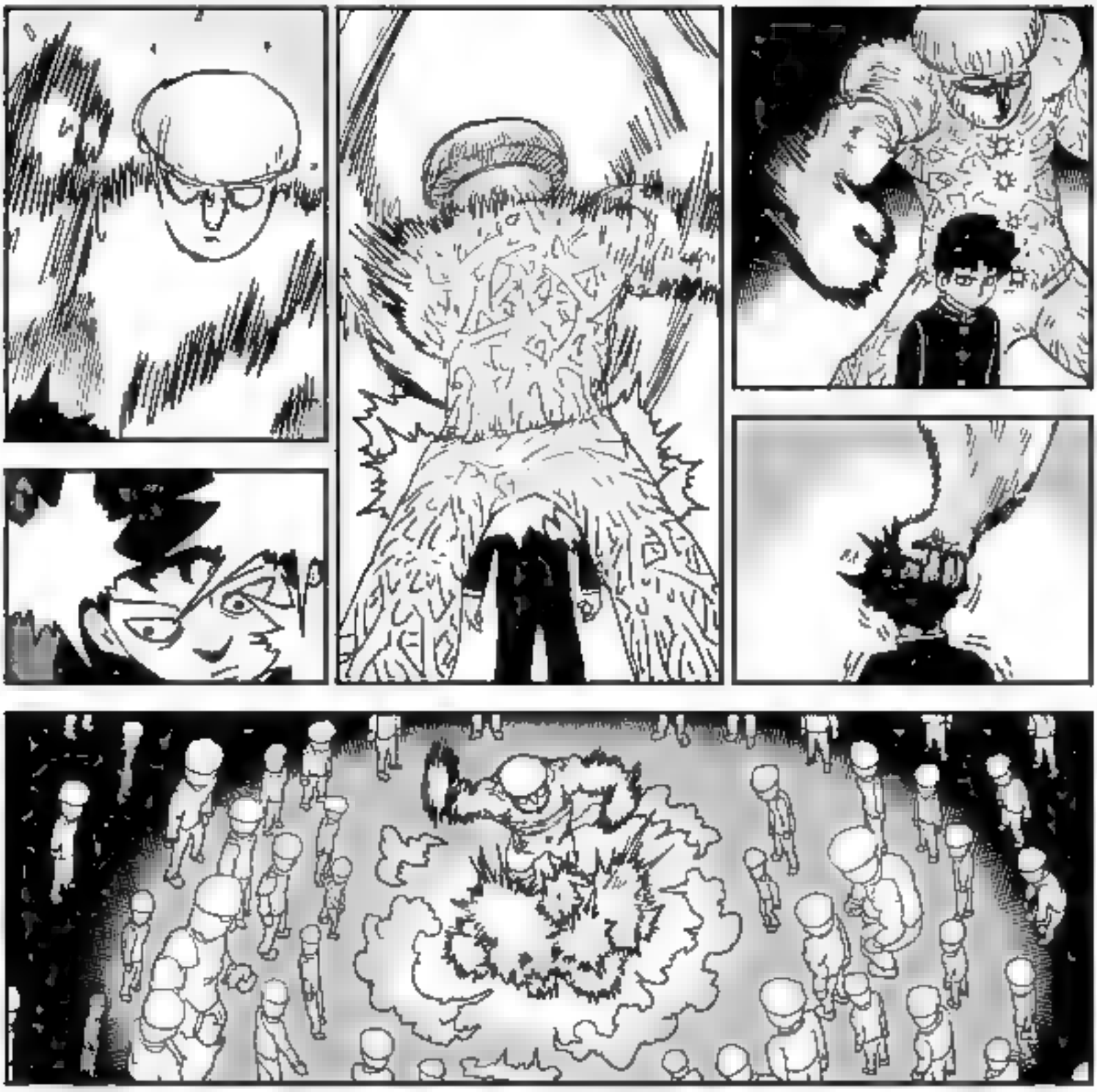
THAT YOU'RE AFRAID OF ME?

CAN IT BE. .



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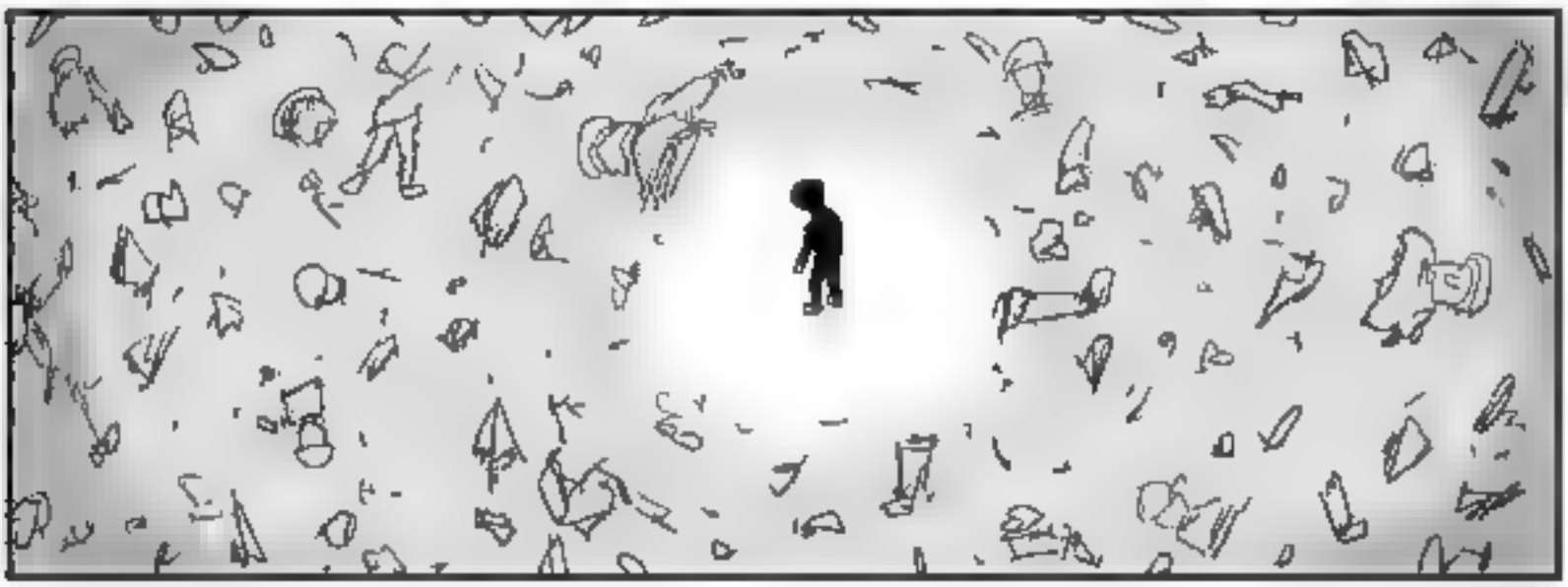


ARE YOU STILL DOING IT?

THIS SORTA THING

IS ENOUGH

ENOUGH ALREADY

DON'T YOU GET IT, DIMPLE...

COME OUT, OR ELSE...

DON'T MAKE ME FEEL THIS WAY.

OMAKE
SPIDER

I LEFT IT WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER.

I'LL GIVE IT A BOTTLE CAP FULL OF WATER

THE NEXT TIME I SHOWED UP AT WORK...

THE SPIDER WAS STILL ALIVE

THERE WAS A JUMPING SPIDER AT MY WORK-PLACE. SO I CAPTURED IT AND PUT IT INSIDE A BOTTLE TO OBSERVE

THEN I FORGOT ABOUT IT AND IT STOOD THERE FOR A WEEK

AH.

GOOD, IT'S STILL ALIVE.

SUCH A POOR FELLOW, I'LL LET IT OUT

I'LL GUIDE THE ANT INSIDE LIKE THIS.

WHEN I TILTED THE BOTTLE. THE WATER CAUGHT THE SPIDER AND ALMOST DROWNED IT

THEN I SAW AN ANT IN THE BATH-ROOM.

I THOUGHT I'D PUT IT INSIDE THE BOTTLE AS FOOD FOR THE SPIDER.

THE SPIDER HIT AGAINST THE SIDE AND DIED

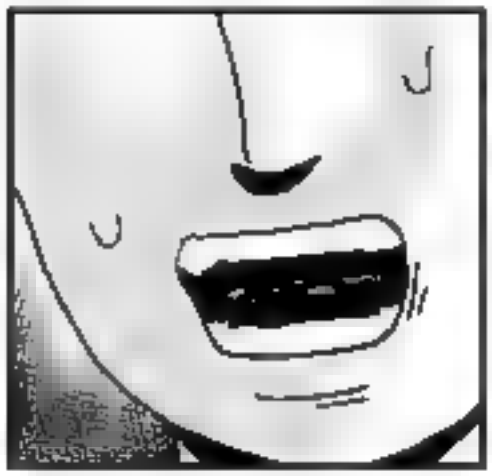
.....

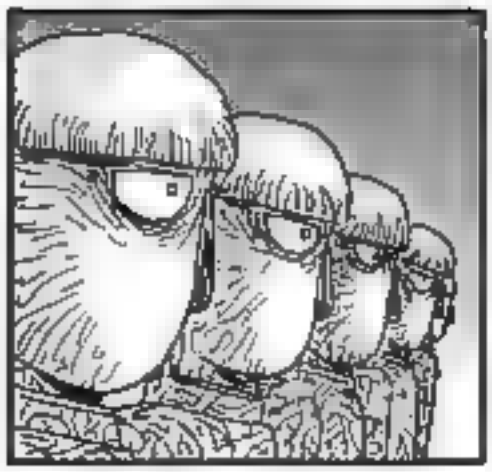
BUT IT WAS CLINGING TO THE BOTTLE'S INSIDE LIKE A WATER DROP AND WON'T COME OUT.

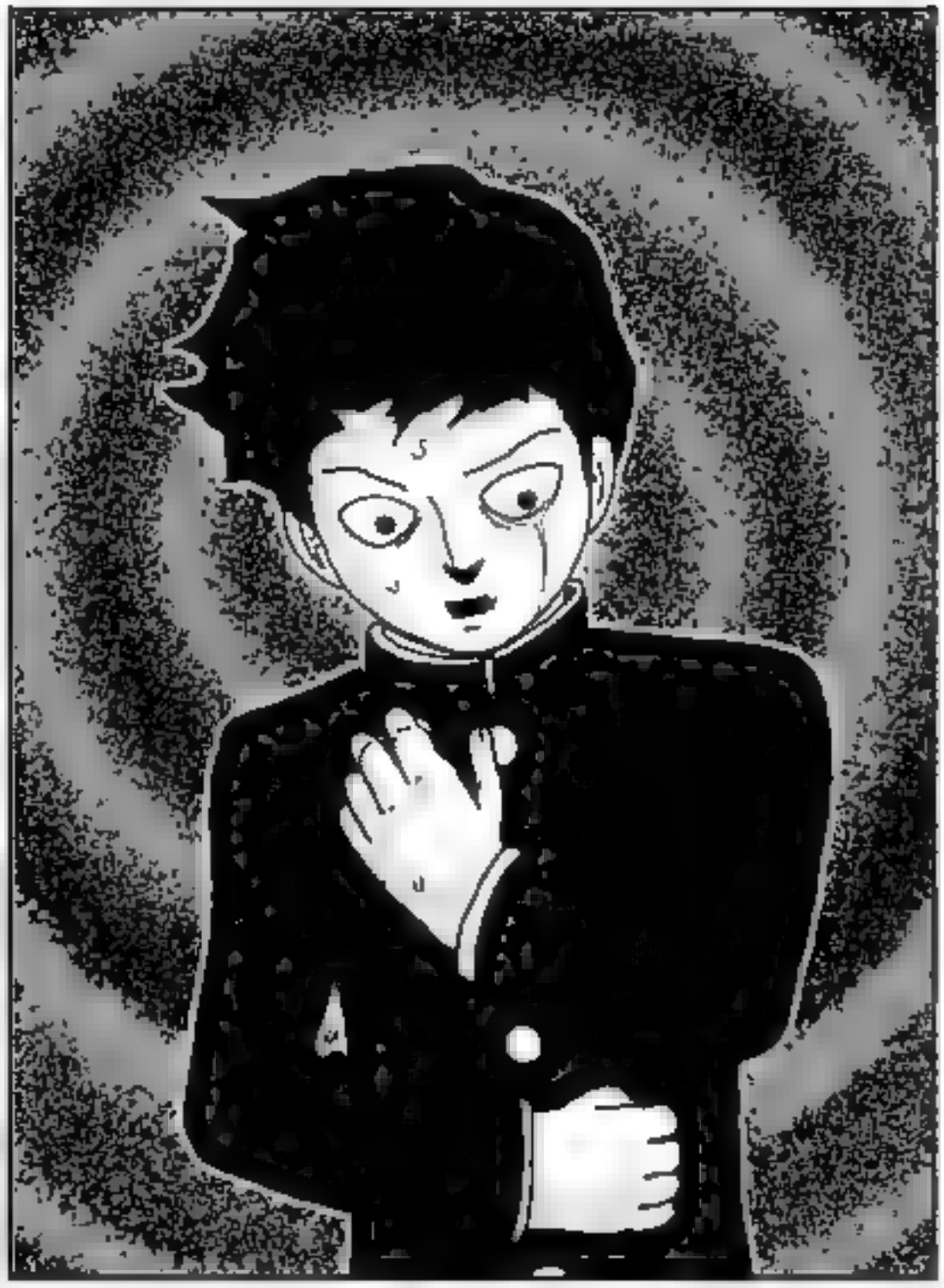
SO I SHOOK IT.

AT THAT MOMENT, I COULD RELATE TO THE SPIDER, HAVING SPENT 3 DAYS LOCKED UP AT WORK.

SORRY FOR LOCKING YOU INSIDE FOR SO LONG.







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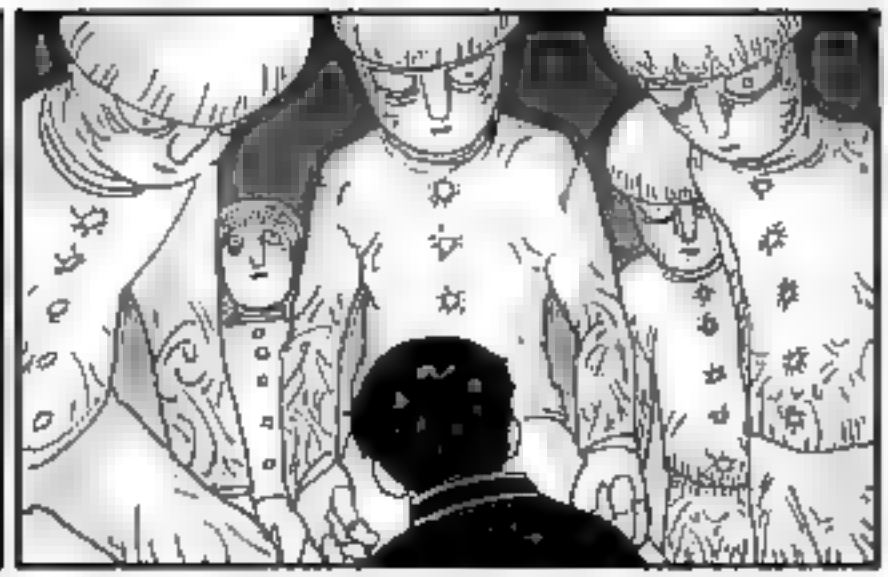

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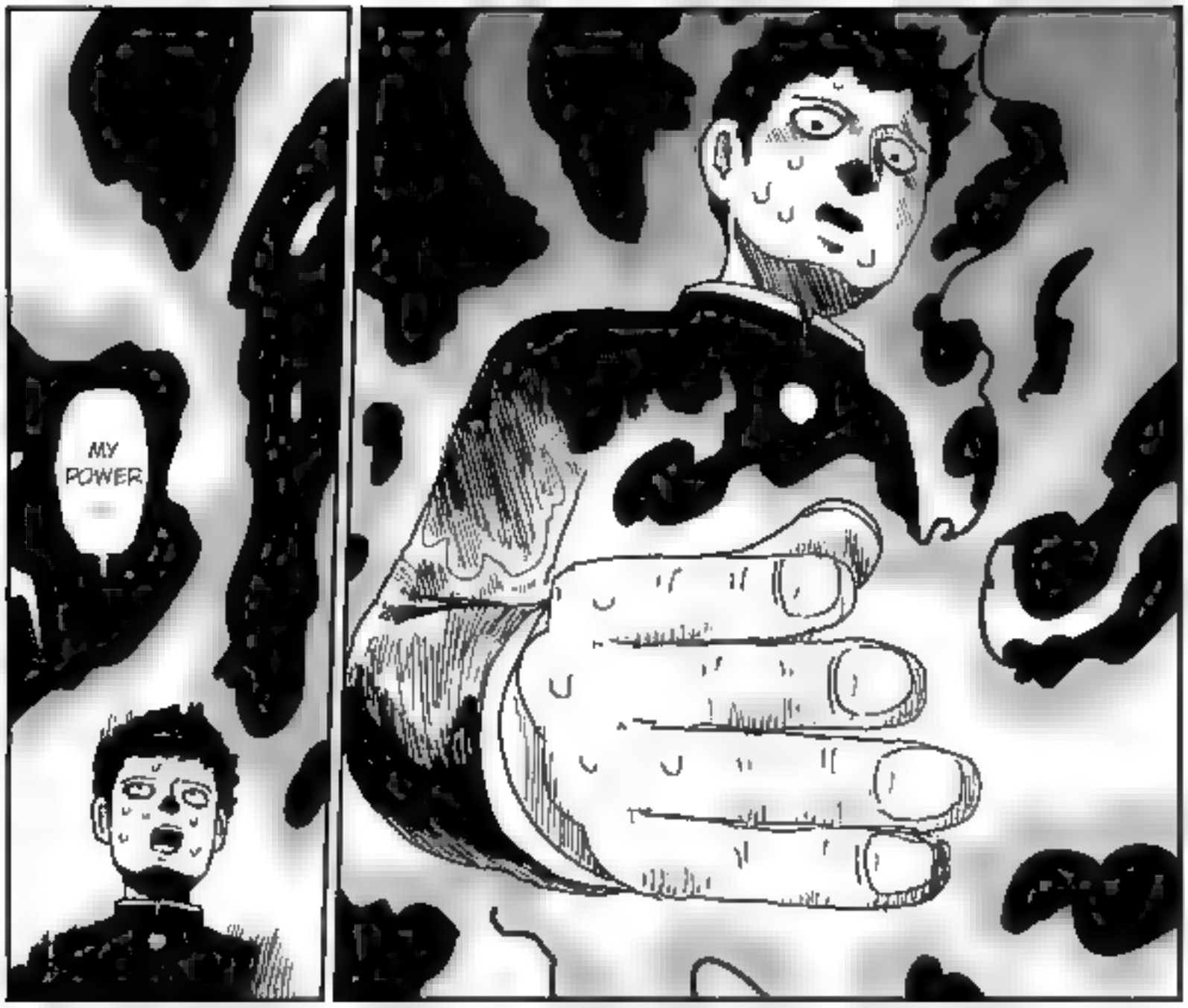
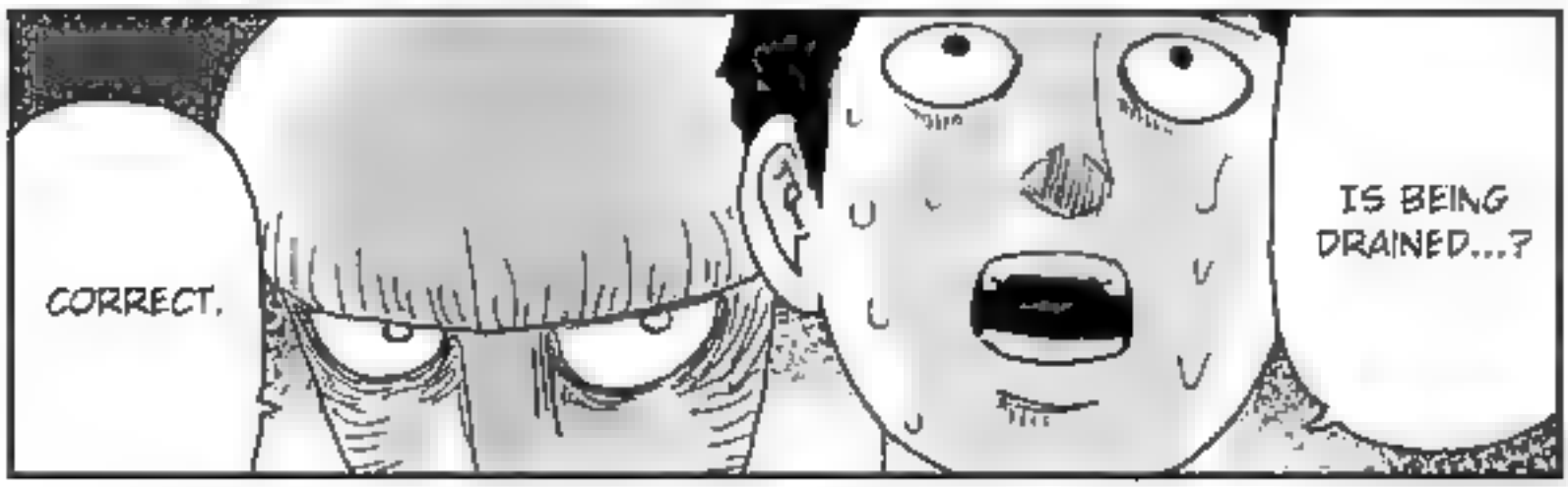

MY POWER


CORRECT.
IS BEING DRAINED...?

YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO THE TREE WHEN I TOLD YOU TO, THAT WAS A MISTAKE.
YOU NOTICED A LITTLE TOO LATE

UWAH

YOUR BIGGEST M.STAKE BEING...

OPPOSING ME.

THEN YOU'RE GRAVELY MISTAKEN, SHIGEO...

IF YOU THOUGHT OUR HIERARCHY WOULDN'T EVENTUALLY CHANGE .

JUST WHAT'S THE MEANING OF ALL THIS?

HIERARCHY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DIMPLE...

JUST ONE BRAT'S BICKERING SN'T GONNA STOP THE FESTIVAL.

IF YOU WANT TO TALK, WE TRIED THAT BEFORE.

IF TSUBOMI-CHAN'S THE ONE DOING THE PERSUATION, YOU'D CALM DOWN A LITTLE MORE, RIGHT?

HUH?

YOU WON'T LISTEN TO ME, SO HOW ABOUT I LET THAT CHICK TAKE OVER?

"JUST CUT IT OUT AND READ THE ATMOSPHERE ALREADY!"

...SHE'D SAY.

"MOB-KUN! IT'S NOT RIGHT TO BOTHER EVERYBODY FROM THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT!"

95%

HE PROBABLY HASN'T HAD BARBECUE IN A WHILE.

BUT WE KNOW THAT

ONLY WHEN THE MEAT'S GRILLED, IT'S CALLED YAKINIKU.

REMEMBER THAT..

TRY THEM.

IT'S ABOUT TIME

OKAY YOU GUYS... I GIVE YOU THE PERMISSION TO PICK UP THE MEAT.

THESE ARE SHORT RIBS.

IS HE GONNA KEEP THIS UP?

HOW IS IT, MOB?

IT'S GOOD.

I SEE.

IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY SO REMEMBER WELL...

...HEY, WHAT THE HELL.

WHENEVER IT'S ABOUT TSUBOMI-CHAN, YOU GET TOTALLY WORKED UP.

LOOK HOW ANGRY YOU'VE GOTTEN...

I'LL TELL IT STRAIGHT TO YOUR FACE.

SHIGEO, THAT CHICK'S OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE

HUH?

EVEN HER FRIENDS COULDN'T CONVINCE HER, SHE SHOWED NEXT TO NO INTEREST

WHEN THEY TRIED TO FORCEFULLY GIVING HER SOME CANDIES, SHE SLAPPED THEM AWAY

TAKANE TSUBOMI IS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WOULD FLATLY TURN DOWN WHATEVER SHE DOESN'T WANT.

THROUGH THE EYES OF MY FOLLOWERS, I WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE

SHE'S A STRONG GIRL.

SHE'S THE TYPE THAT REQUIRES THE MOST TIME TO CONVERT.

SHE LIVES WITHOUT COMPROMISING HER OWN PERSONAL VALUES WITH THAT OF OTHERS.

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SHE STILL WON'T NEED SHIGEO.

EVEN IF YOUR BODY WOULD BECOME FIT...

NO WONDER SHE SHOWED NO INTEREST WHEN YOU BRAGGED WITH YOUR PSYCHIC POWER.

IF YOU BECAME LORD SHIGEO THE CULT LEADER, THEN SHE MIGHT FALL FOR YOU...

HEHE, IN OTHER WORDS.

SHE HAS NOW BECOME PART OF THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT.

HOWEVER. THERE IS STILL ONE WAY LEFT

LAME.

96%

HERE I THOUGHT I HAD TAKEN MOST OF YOUR POWERS...

HEH...

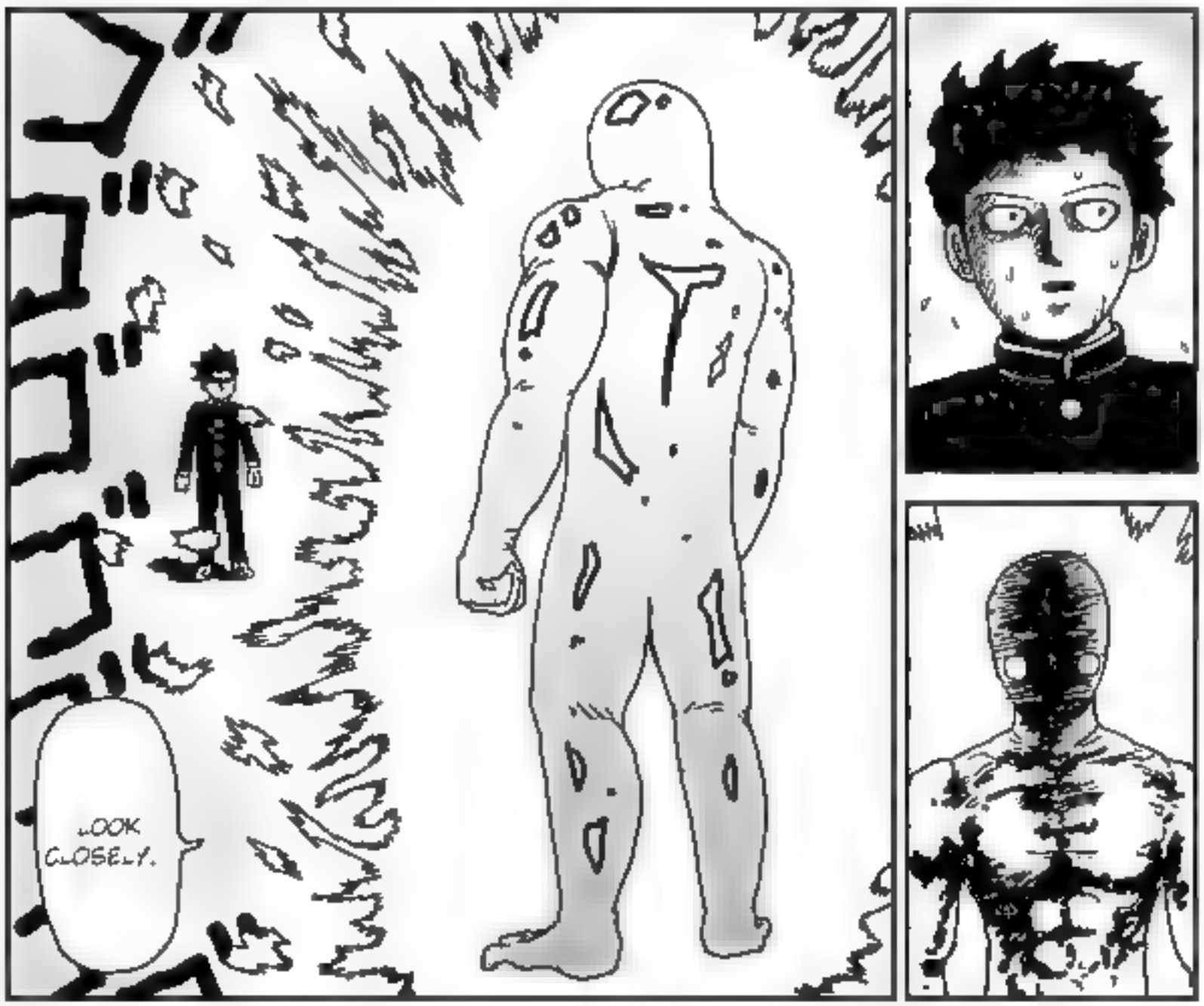
LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL HAVE PLENTY OF LATENT POWER LEFT...

WAS IT TOO SOON FOR ME TO SHOW MYSELF?

IN MY CURRENT STATE, I WON'T LOSE TO SHIGEO...

WHATEVER.

NUWOO OOOH!!!
WAIT ...
STOP...
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO GET RID OF ME FOR REAL...
THEN I'LL HAVE TO GET SERIOUS AS WELL!
YOU HAD YOUR FUN?
THAT'S HOW YOU REPAY ME FOR BEING GENTLE TO YOU?


LOOK CLOSELY.

THROUGH THE BELIEF OF MANY, I AM NOW SHINING...

THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF DIVINE!

THIS IS...

LORD DIMPLE THE GOD, WHO HAS BEEN REBORN!

WORSHIP ME!!

HERE I COME...

97%

SO WHAT?

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MOB...

I SAID, THAT ONE'S ALREADY WELL COOKED

MOB.

THAT ONE'S ALREADY WELL COOKED.

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NO, IT'S TASTY

BUT IT'S NOT THE BEST TASTE.

BUT IT'S TOO MUCH

THE MEAT LOSES ITS ORIGINAL FLAVOR

SAY

LIKE THIS...

I PREFER IT WELL DONE LIKE THIS.

MOB WANTED TO SAY "MASTER SURE CAN'T BE QUIET ABOUT MEAT..." BUT THE MEAT ON HIS TONGUE WAS HOTTER THAN EXPECTED, AND HIS WORDS CAME OUT AS....

AT THAT MOMENT,

AH, THAT MEAT OVER THERE NEEDS 4 MORE SECONDS

NO, IT'S FINE

ON TOP OF OVERCOOKING IT, YOU'RE ALSO PUTTING TOO MUCH SAUCE ON IT, YOU CAN'T TASTE ANYTHING BUT THE SAUCE LIKE THAT.

IT'S A BIT CHARRED TOO.

AGAIN! THAT ONE'S OVERDONE TOO.

TCH... CAN'T YOU BE QUIET?

REIGEN COOKED THE MEAT SILENTLY.

ジュウウウ…

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BEHOLD THE POWER OF MY TRUE FORM!

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PUNCH!!!!

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GOD

GOD DASH!! FOLLOWED BY...

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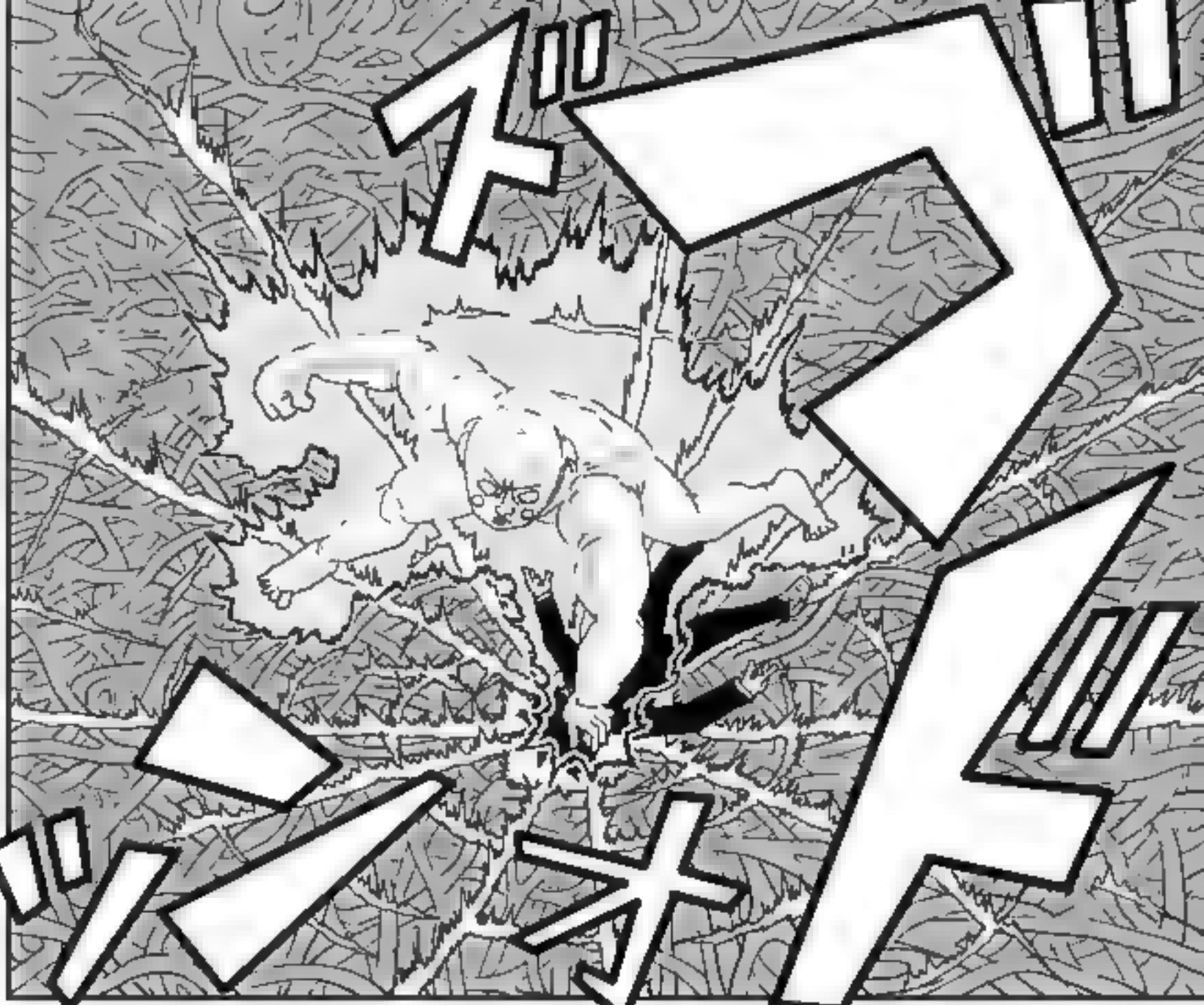
GOD SLAM!!!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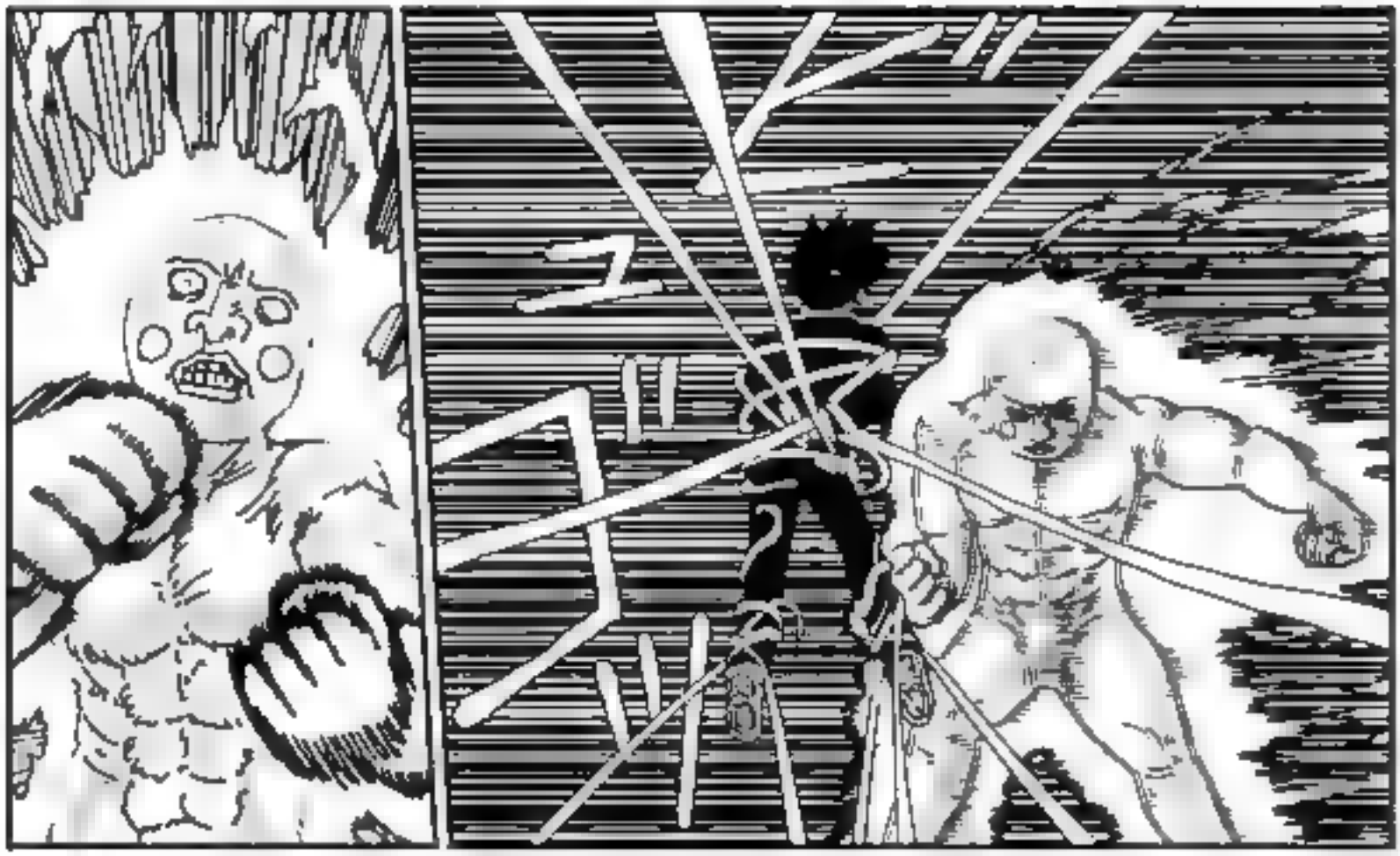
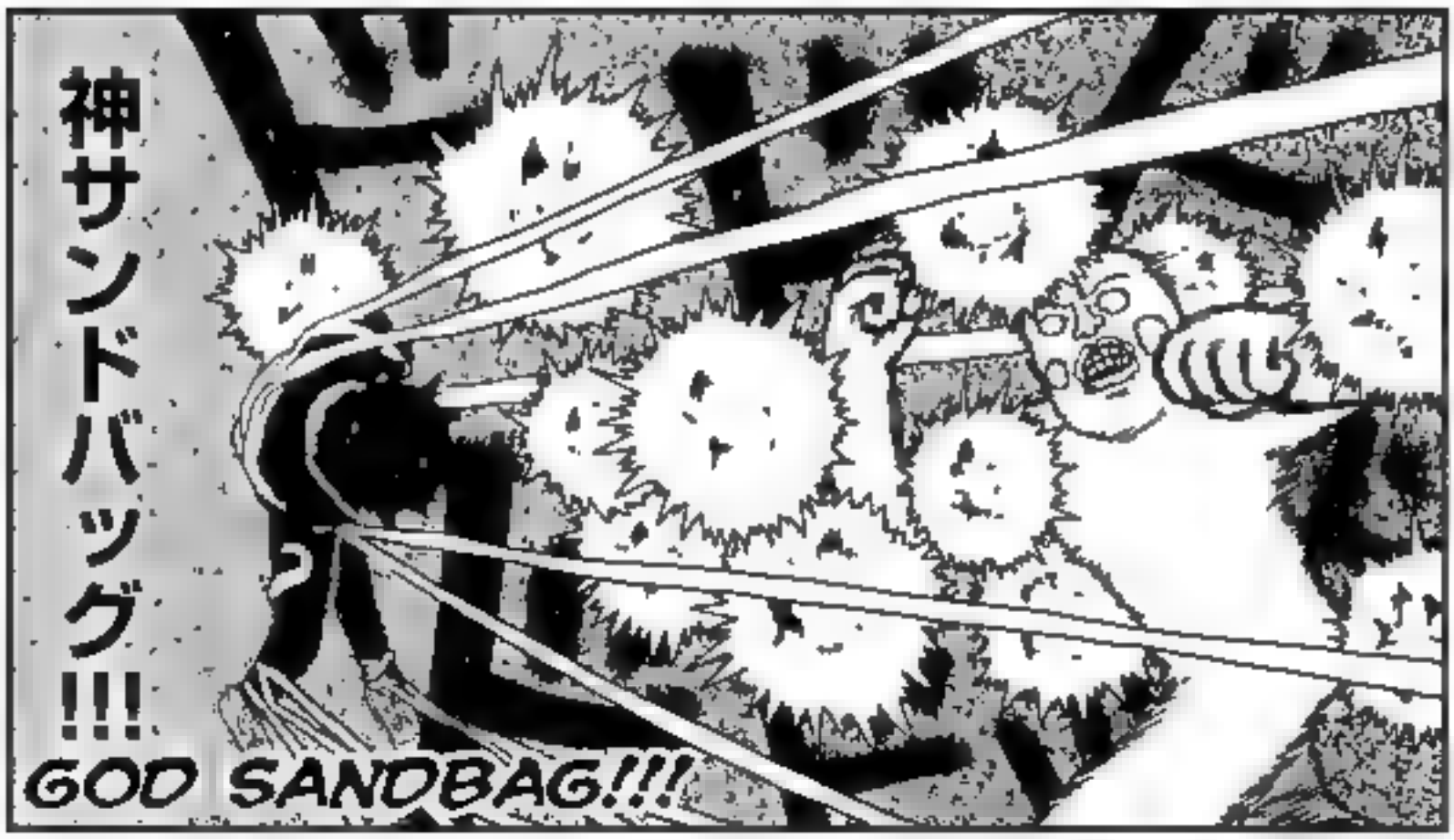
GOD TOSS!




神サンドバッグ!!!
GOD SANDBAG!!!

THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU GIVE UP!

BUT I KNOW YOU, SHIGEO.

THIS AWE-SOME COMBO HAS CON-NECTED

THE BATTLE WITH CLAW'S BOSS SHOWED ME HIS LIMIT.

IT'S NOT ENDLESS, HE CAN RUN OUT.

I IMAGINE HE'S ABOUT TO REACH HIS LIMIT. HIS TREMENDOUS ENERGY THAT HAS BEEN ABSORBED IS REACHING ME THROUGH THE TREE.

THIS GUY ISN'T INVINCIBLE.

HE WAS ALSO LOSING AGAINST MOGAMI KEIJI'S MIND ATTACKS...

I KNOW BEST HOW TO DEFEAT KAGEYAMA SHIGEO...

HMPH.. LEMME PUNCH THAT INSOLENT MOUTH OF YOURS IN!
YOU'LL REGRET NOT HAVING JOINED MY SIDE PEACE-FULLY!
YOU'RE KIDDING
THIS IS SUP-POSED TO BE YOUR TRUE FACE?
THAT'S YOUR TRUE FORM.
IF YOU PLAN TO FINISH THIS BY FORCE QUICKLY, THEN YOU BETTER NOT HOLD BACK.
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
ALL OF IT ARE FAKE.
YOUR SPEECH,
YOUR ACTIONS,
YOUR "POWER",

I WON'T ACKNOWL-EDGE IT.

I WON'T ALLOW IT.

THIS DOESN'T SUIT YOU.

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE REAL DIMPLE.

WHAT I'M REALLY AFTER!

ACKNOWL-EDGE ME? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!!

STOP DECIDING ON YOUR OWN...

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BEAM!!!!!

神 GOD

UWOH !!?

THIS MUCH POWER...

I PUT TOO MUCH ENERGY INTO IT!

DID I SCREW UP? SHIGE-...

CRAP!

I'M NOT USED TO THE DIVINE POWER YET...

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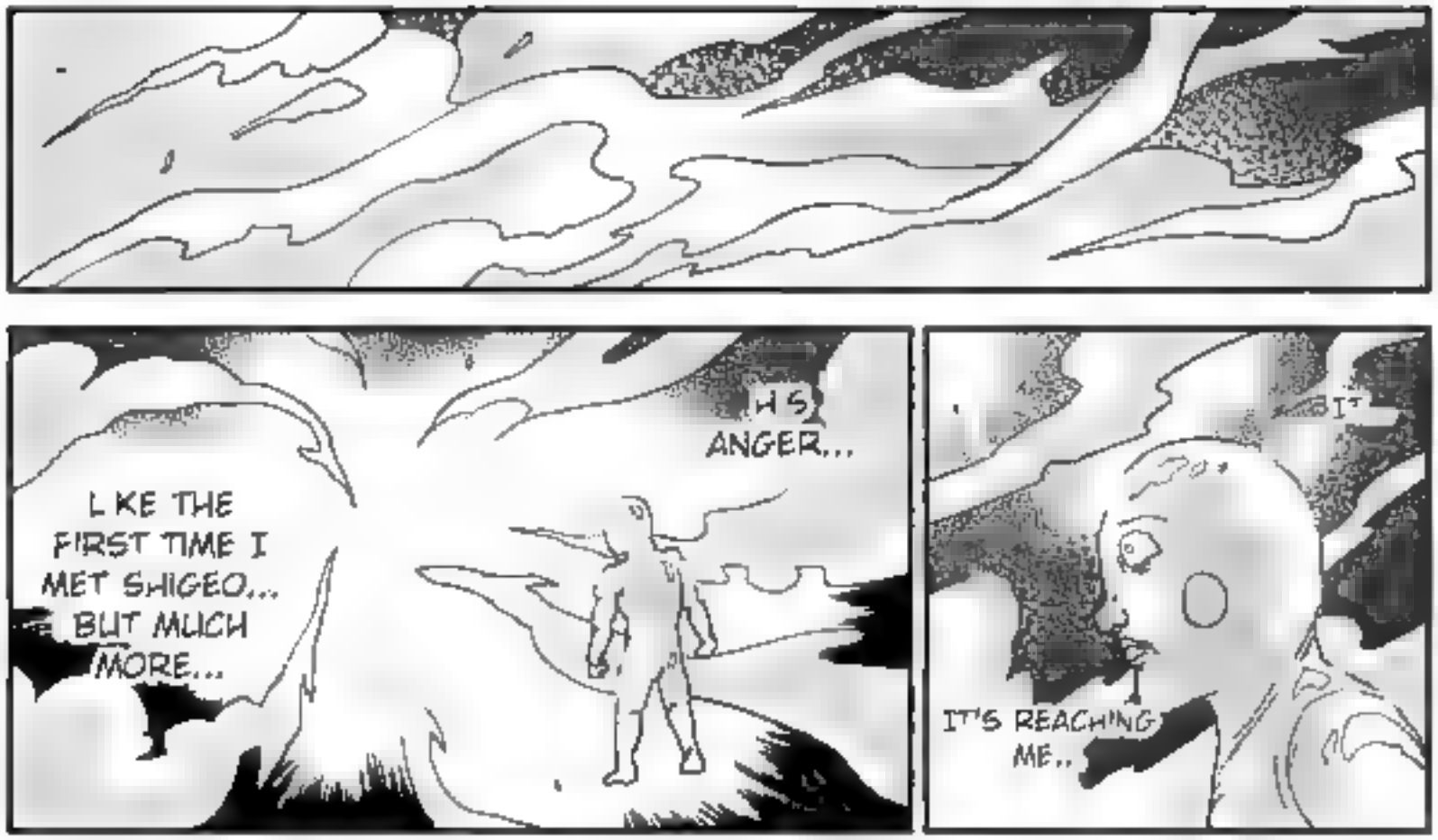
LIKE THE FIRST TIME I MET SHIGEO... BUT MUCH MORE...
HIS ANGER...
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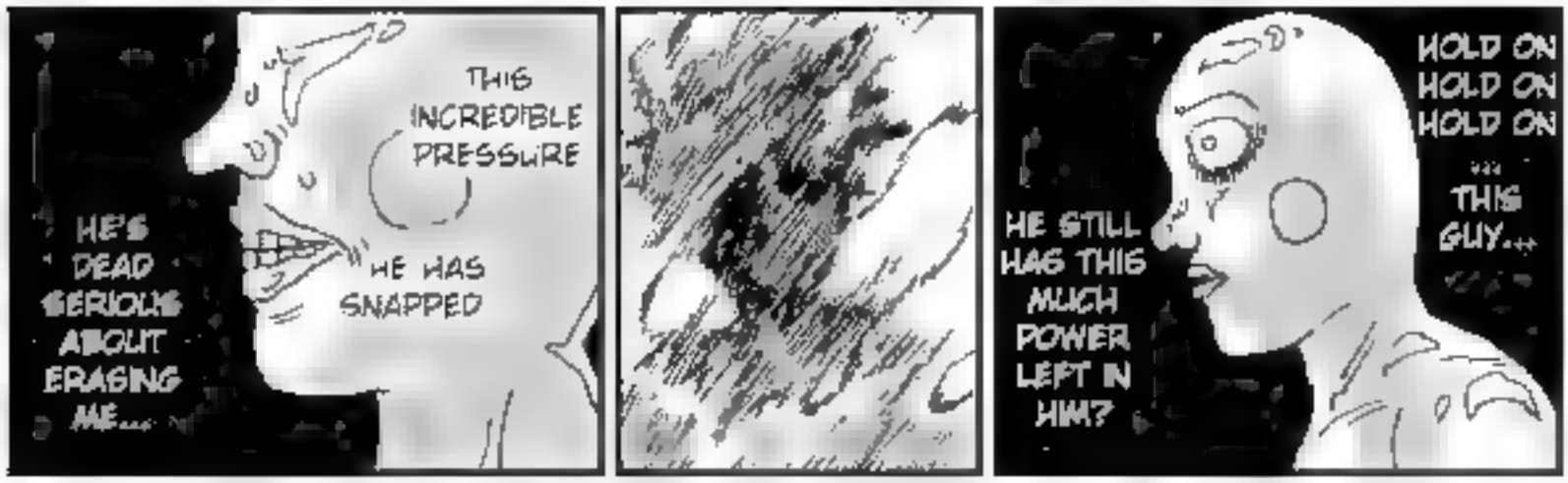
IT'S REACHING ME..
I HAVE GIVE IT MY ALL TO BEAT HIM...
I'M ABOUT TO GET ERASED...


HE'S DEAD SERIOUS ABOUT ERASING ME...
THIS INCREDIBLE PRESSURE
HE HAS SNAPPED
HE STILL HAS THIS MUCH POWER LEFT IN HIM?
HOLD ON HOLD ON HOLD ON
THIS GUY...

OR BE KILLED...

IT'S KILL...

SHIGEO IS PROBABLY THINKING THE SAME...

HIS POWER IS INCREASING...

I MUST BEAT HIM BEFORE HE BEATS ME...

WE'RE AN OBSTACLE TO EACH OTHER...

HE IS THE ONLY ONE POSING A THREAT TO ME NOW...

I COULD'VE DIED FROM THAT

THAT SURPRISED ME.

JUST A BIT MORE AND I WOULD'VE LOST FAITH IN YOU

THIS WAS CLOSE.

THE WAY HE'S STARING AT ME...!

SCARY...

I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU REALLY THINK.

NOW PLEASE STOP JOKING

JUST A BIT MORE MENTAL BURDEN WOULD'VE MADE HIM EXPLODE?

WHAT I WAS DOING WAS ..

SINCE THE VERY START

. . .... THERE IS NO REAL THOUGHT.

SAY SOME-THING, DIMPLE

IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO DIMPLE?

DOES THAT MEAN.

I'M SAD.

.....

JUST USING YOU. THAT'S ALL.

UH... UWOOO OOOOO OOH

IS HE COMING !!?

FULL POWER !
LET'S SETTLE THIS!

THAT SHIRT'S SO TACKY!!!

100%

HUH?

MY MEAT

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EXCUSE ME

AH, WE'RE OUT OF DRINKS.

IS NOW ON THE OTHER SIDE.

THE MEAT THAT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME A MOMENT AGO.

MY BROTHER'S PLATE WAS EMPTY SO I THOUGHT I'D PREPARE SOME..

OH THIS WAS REIGEN-SAN'S MEAT?

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AH!

THAT ONE'S MINE TOO...

SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

AH, I'D LIKE ONE OOLONG TEA, AND..

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SO YOUR ORDERS

.....

BUT MY BROTHER'S THE ONE WHO'S BEEN DOING THE EXORCISING THIS WHOLE TIME

BUT TAKING MEAT FROM OTHERS IS KIND OF A BAD MANNER...

FIN

2 CANS OF COKE TOO PLEASE.

OH, AND GREEN TEA.

I'D LIKE 4 TOP RIBS, 2 SAKURA YUKHOE, 2 SPECIALLY PICKED SALTED BEEF TONGUES, THE DELUXE CHUCK EYE ROLL, BEEF PLUCKS, 3 BOWLS OF RICE, TOMATO SALAD AND SOBA...

I'M SURE EVERYONE WHO SEES IT WILL BE IMPRESSED BY HOW STYLISH YOU ARE...

I'LL HAVE TO STEP UP MY GAME SO I DON'T FALL BEHIND!

THAT'S A NICE SHIRT! IT REALLY SUITS YOU.

JUST THE KIND OF THING I WOULD BUY.

EH? YOU'LL LET ME BORROW IT SOMETIME? NO THANKS, I'M FINE. YOU CAN KEEP IT. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME TO BORROW MY CLOTHES, SO IF YOU NEED TO, JUST LET ME KNOW... BEFORE YOU GO SHOPPING. BEFORE YOU EVER GO SHOPPING

EH? NO, IT'S NOT WEIRD AT ALL. IT SUITS YOU! YEAH

NII-SAN... ARE YOU GOING OUT DRESSED LIKE THAT?

YOU ARE... I SEE. OKAY...

YEAH? NO, NOTHING AT ALL... YEAH

I SEE... EH? IF I LIKE IT, YOU'LL TELL ME WHERE YOU GOT IT? OH.. OKAY... ERM... THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE DISCUSSING THAT.

EH? YOU BOUGHT THAT WITH THE MONEY I GAVE YOU?

YOU GOT SWEATY FROM A LITTLE RUNNING, BUT IF YOU WALK AROUND N SHORT SLEEVES, YOU'LL CATCH A COLD...

EH? WHAT'S WITH THAT SHIRT... WHY'D YOU TAKE OFF YOUR JACKET?

... PUT IT BACK ON... THE GAKURAN, UH BOOSTS YOUR DEFENSE, YOU SEE...

IT'S NOT YOUR IMAGINATION!

YOU CAN'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!!

CONGRATULATIONS... THE TIME HAS COME...

IT'S FINALLY NII-SAN'S TURN TO BE POPULAR.

THINK THINGS THROUGH BEFORE YOU HURT YOURSELF.

IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION.

YOU... THAT... WHAT IS THAT SUP-POSED TO BE...?!

WHAT'S WITH THAT DESIGN?!!

WHY?!

WHY WAS THAT UNDER YOUR UNI-FORM?!!

IT'S SO LAME, I'M GETTING A LITTLE WORRIED!

JUST LOOKING AT IT IS FREAKING ME OUT!!

IS THERE SOME-THING TROU-BLING YOU...? OR ARE YOU NOT THINK-ING AT ALL...?

COULD IT BE THAT YOU GOT IT DIRT CHEAP AT A BARGAIN SALE?!

OR ARE YOU WEARING IT BECAUSE YOU HONESTLY THINK IT'S COOL?

ARE YOU OKAY?

HIS ENERGY IS SWELL-ING...
AM I BEING ATTACKED?!!
YOUR FASHION SENSE IS ABYSMAL...
(GASP)...

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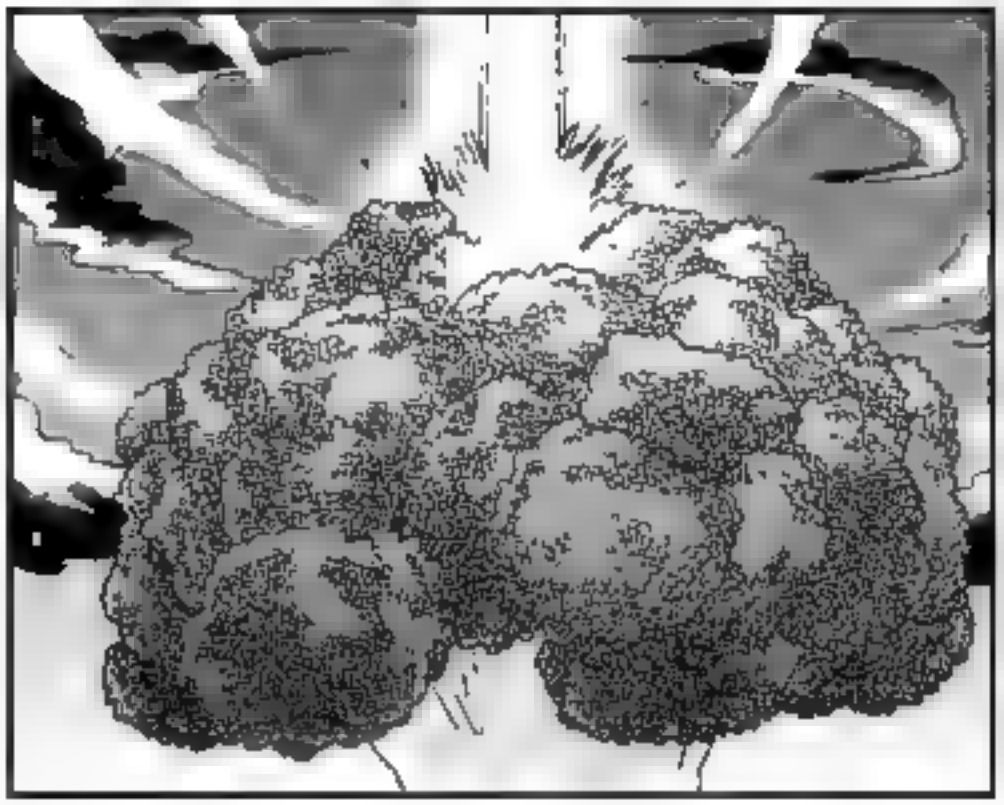


IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

SOMETHING IS HAPPENING INSIDE THE DIVINE TREE.

IS IT LORD PSYCHO HELMET'S POWER?

WHAT IS THAT LIGHT?!

THIS GUY... HE SN'T MOVING AT ALL.. HE'S GONE SILENT...

I THOUGHT HE MIGHT'VE FINALLY EXPLODED, BUT ..

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW...?

PHEW... I PANICKED FOR A SECOND THERE...

WAS THAT LAME SHIRT YOUR FAVORITE OR SOMETHING?

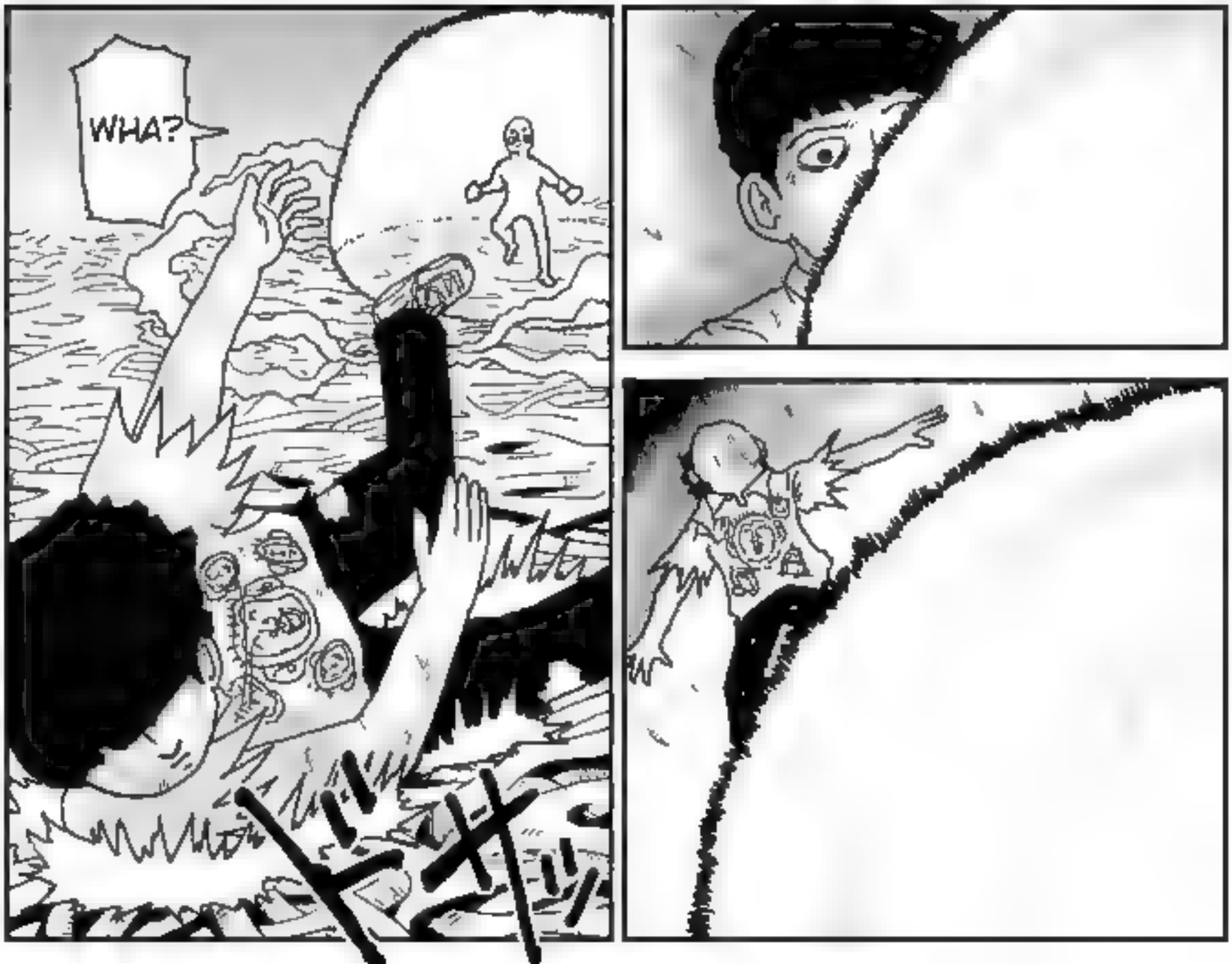
WAS IT THAT MUCH OF A SHOCK?

WH... WHAT'S WRONG ALL OF A SUDDEN?

GOD BARRIER

HE'S ATTACKING THIS TIME FOR SURE!!

WHOA?!!


WHA?

WHAT WAS THAT?

YOU GOT BLOWN OVER SO EASILY.

HE'S RUNNING ON EMPTY AND TOTALLY DEFENSE-LESS...

I DON'T FEEL ANY ENERGY COMING FROM SHIGEO.

OW...

HM...? WHAT'S THIS...?

ENERGY WAS POURING OUT OF SHIGEO AS IF FROM A HOLE IN A BALLOON...

JUST A MOMENT AGO...

DID THE DIVINE TREE TAKE HIS ENERGY?

NO, THAT'S NOT IT...

DID YOUR MOTI-VATION VANISH?

DID YOU DECIDE IT WAS UNWINNABLE AND FORFEIT THE MATCH?!!

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

..ON PUR-POSE?

DID YOU JUST THROW IT ALL AWAY?

YOU.. YOUR REMAINING "POWER"...

EVEN THOUGH I WENT SO FAR AS TO TRANSFORM INTO "GOD DIMPLE."

YOU WANT THIS KIND OF HALF-BAKED ENDING?

DID YOU LOSE YOUR WILL TO PERSUADE ME?

ARE YOU FED UP WITH ME?

WHAT'S WITH THAT SORRY STATE?

DIDN'T YOU REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE ME?!!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!

HEY?! ARE YOU ASLEEP OR WHAT, SHIGEO?

HEY.

I COULD END THIS RIGHT NOW, WITH JUST A JAB OF MY FINGER, YOU KNOW?!

WELL?!!

THERE'S AN ENEMY OF UNPRECE-DENTED STRENGTH RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!

I'VE GAINED THE POWER OF A GOD, SO HOW DO YOU INTEND TO OPPOSE ME WITHOUT PSYCHIC POWER?

DO YOU UNDER-STAND THE CURRENT SITU-ATION?!

YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT.

BUT...

THAT'S TRUE.

IF I WANT TO TALK TO DIMPLE, "POWER" IS NOTHING BUT AN OBSTACLE...

I FIG-URED IT OUT.

AH?

EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS, YOU'RE SO...

SEE?

WATCH OU--...

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NOW WE CAN FINALLY TALK.

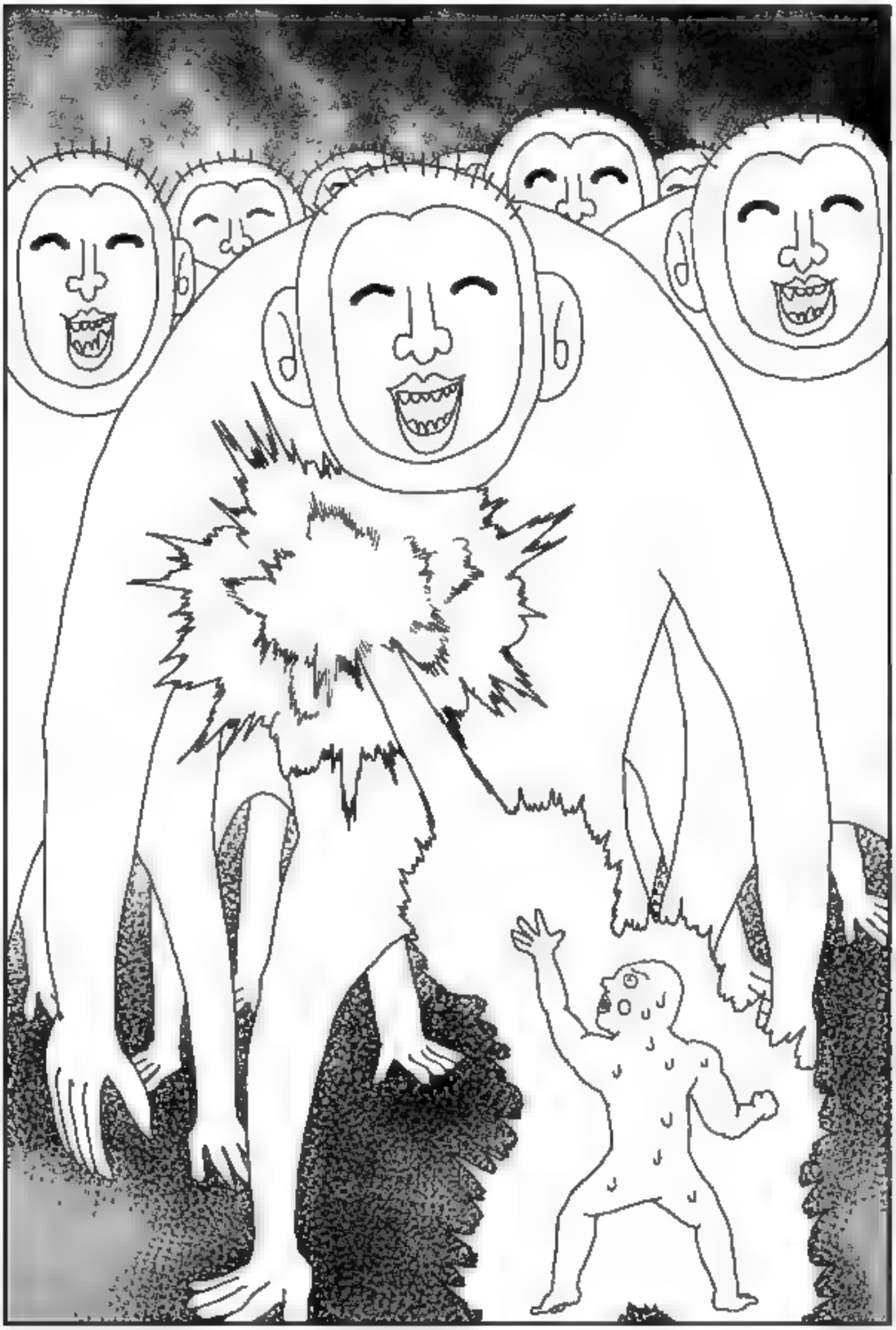
TRUST

EH.

JUST AS I THOUGHT...

I KNEW I COULD TRUST YOU, DIMPLE.

OMAKE: MONKEY DREAM



TRUST?

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TRUST...

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UH, NO, THAT DOESN'T REALLY EXPLAIN ANYTHING.

...THAT YOU WERE DIMPLE.

BECAUSE YOU LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF MY SHIRT.

THAT'S WHEN I REAL-IZED..

WHY?

PLUS... I WAS TOTALLY TRYING TO ROUGH YOU UP! I'M A DANGEROUS EVIL SPIRIT!!

YOU'RE JUST GONNA LET ME GO AFTER ALL THIS?

WEREN'T YOU DISSATISFIED WITH MY WAY OF DOING THINGS?

YOU AREN'T DANGEROUS, DIMPLE.

...I KNOW THAT ALREADY.

AH?

YOU JUST GOT A LITTLE "CARRIED AWAY."

IT HAPPENS TO EVERYONE... PROBABLY...

THAT'S WHAT MASTER REIGEN WAS SAYING...

I GAINED SELF-CONFIDENCE, REINFORCED BY MY CALCULATED EFFORTS...

DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH ALL THE FOLKS WHO ARE "JUST CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT."

YOU'RE WRONG ...

THE TIMING WAS RIGHT TO TAKE ACTION AND PROCEED WITH A PLAN OF MY OWN DEVISING.

I, TOO...

...GOT CARRIED AWAY.

SO... I UNDER-STAND.

EH... NO, YOU WEREN'T REALLY...

I MEAN, IT'S MORE LIKE YOU'RE USUALLY WAY TOO MILD-MANNERED, OR...

NO...

I WAS AWFULLY CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT.

I'M SORRY.

I WAS SO CARRIED AWAY THAT I DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOU, DIMPLE.

...WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO TAKE PART IN YOUR PLAN...

? ... WHAT DO YOU MEAN "SORRY?"

YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO W N ME OVER WITH SOME VAGUE APPEASE-MENT, ARE YOU?

I SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO YOU PROPERLY THAT TIME...

WHY DON'T YOU STOP DOING BAD THINGS?

I'M SORRY, DIMPLE.

...THAT I OVERLOOKED THE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS...

I WAS SO FOCUSED ON WHETHER I WAS BECOMING POPULAR...

YOU ASKED ME TO BE A PART OF IT.

YOU COULD HAVE DONE THIS AND REALIZED YOUR DREAM BY YOURSELF... BUT YOU INVITED ME TO JOIN YOU.

WHEN THE THING YOU HAD ENDLESSLY LONGED FOR WAS FINALLY WITHIN YOUR REACH...

SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO DO...

THAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

TOGETHER WITH ME

YOU WERE JUST DOING WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO.

YOU WEREN'T DOING BAD THINGS.

THANK YOU.

YOU TRUSTED ME BEFORE I TRUSTED YOU, DIMPLE.

THAT'S SO CREEPY, I'M GETTING GOOSE-BUMPS...

DON'T JUST DECIDE FOR YOURSELF HOW I WAS FEELING.

HEY, QUIT THAT.

SOME-THING FELT OFF.

LACKING ANY NATURAL ENEMIES IN PARTICULAR... I CAN PUT MYSELF AT THE CENTER OF THE WORLD...

BUT EVEN THOUGH I'VE PRACTICALLY BECOME A GOD AND FULFILLED MY PLAN...

GATHERING FOLLOWERS IN HUGE NUMBERS...

WITH THIS HUGE AMOUNT OF POWER FALLING INTO MY HANDS...

I HAD A VAGUE FEELING THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG...

IT ISN'T MUCH FUN...

IT WAS A LUKE-WARM FEELING

THOUGH I DID GET PISSED OFF - SOMETIMES...

HE NEVER LENT AN EAR TO MY MISLEADING WORDS.

I WONDERED WHY HE NEVER USED PSYCHIC POWER IN HIS EVERYDAY LIFE.

I WAS NEVER ABLE TO EMPATHIZE WITH THIS GUY.

I NOTICED A SIMILAR FEELING LURKING WITHIN ME

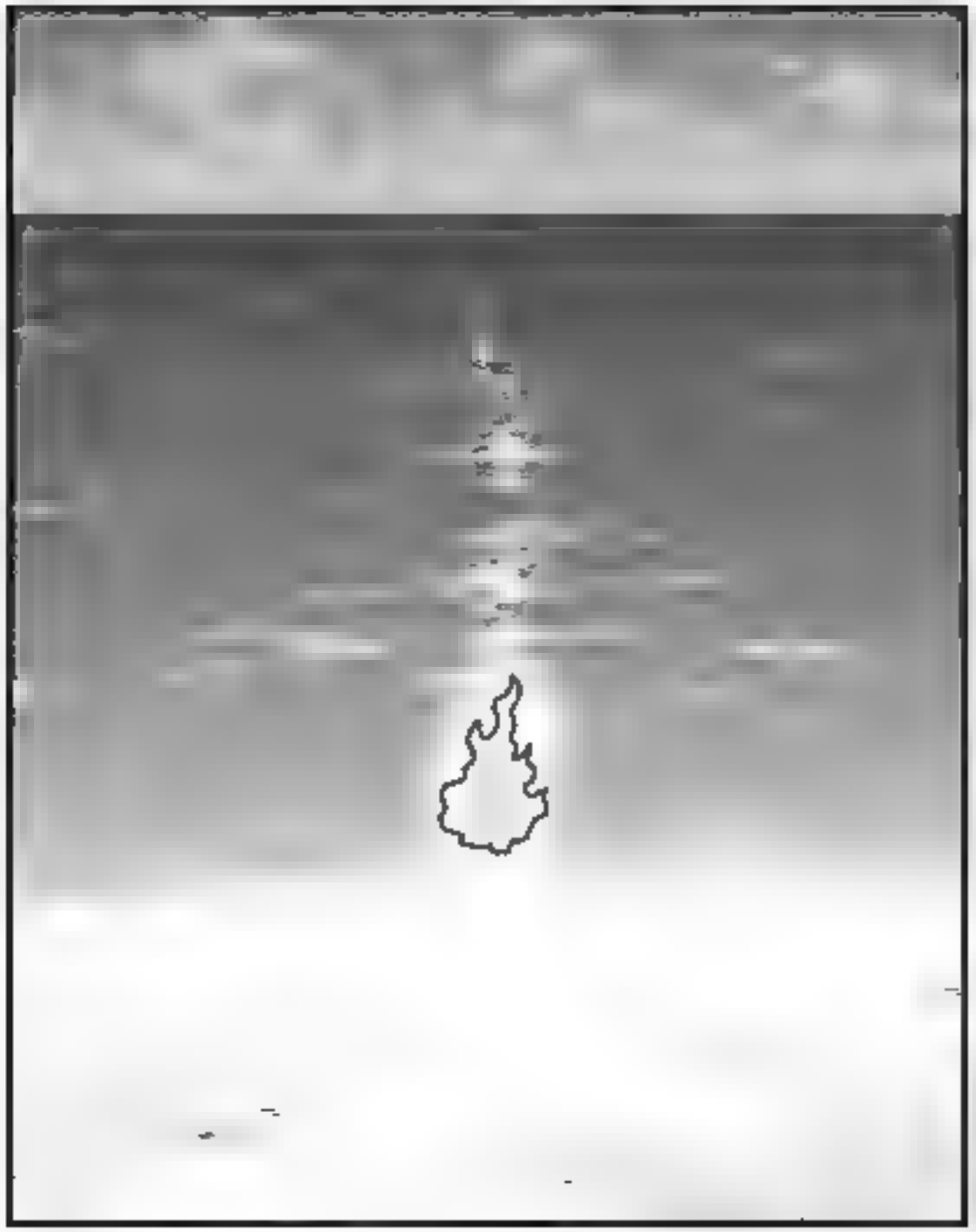
WHEN I SAW HIM WISHING THAT SHE WOULD TURN AND LOOK AT HIM...

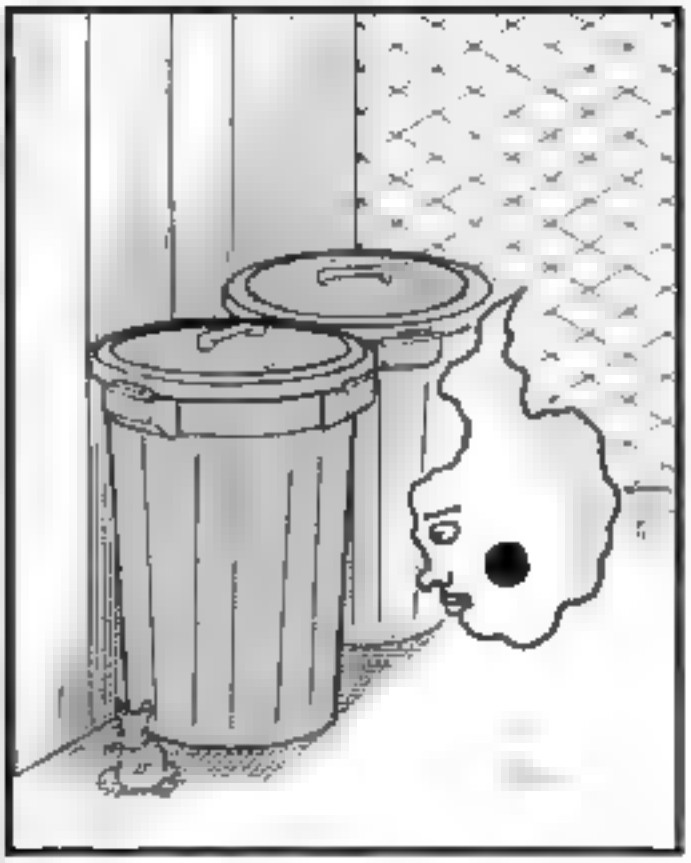
TSUBOMI-CHAN, THE GIRL HE LIKES...

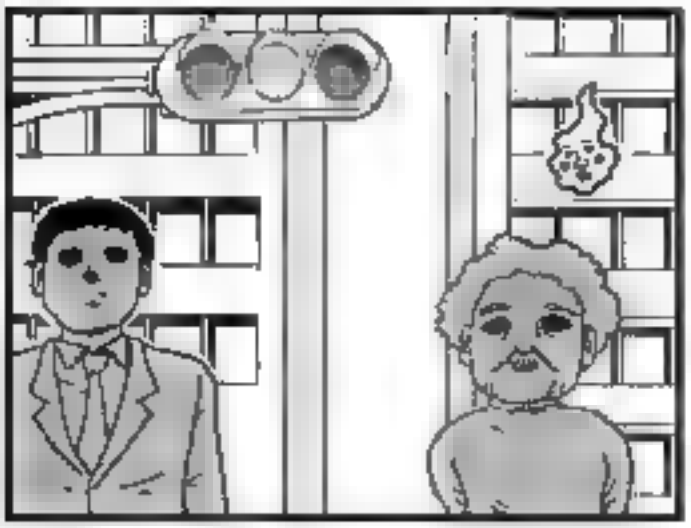
ONLY...

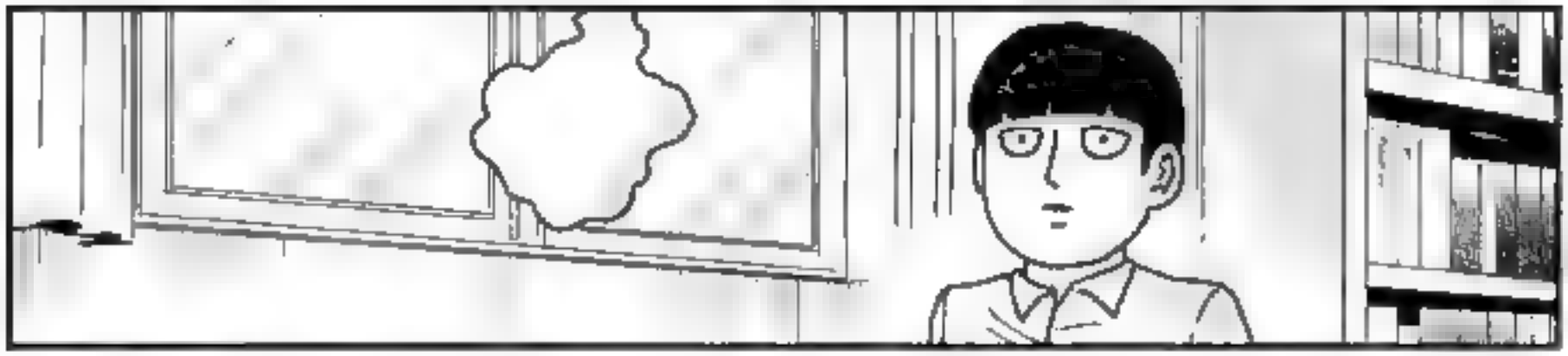
MY OWN EXISTENCE...

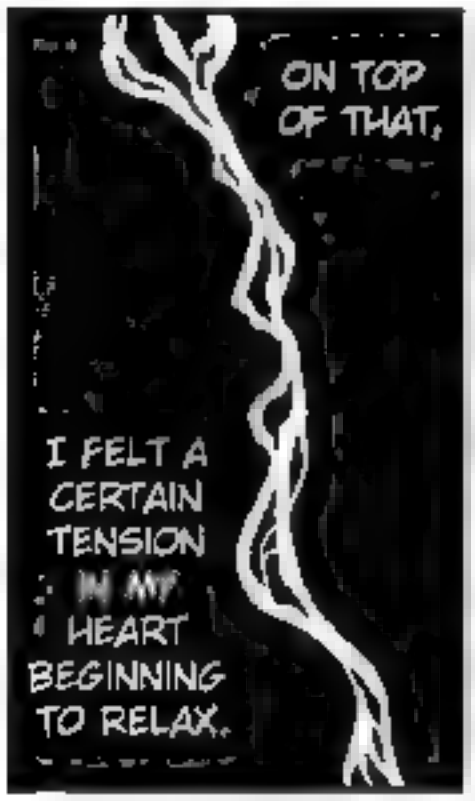
I WANT TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED.










ON TOP OF THAT,
I FELT A CERTAIN TENSION IN MY HEART BEGINNING TO RELAX.

EVENTLALLY, HE ACCEPTED ME
WHEN THAT HAPPENED, I THOUGHT, "I CAN USE HIM."

WHEN I MET SHIGEO... HE PAID ATTENTION TO ME, A GHOST
WITHOUT GETTING SCARED...
WITHOUT FEELING UNCOMFORT-ABLE

...EH? WAIT, THAT'S A PROBLEM...!!

I'LL LOSE MY REASON FOR EXISTING!

DID SPENDING TIME WITH UNSELFISH SHIGEO CAUSE EVEN ME TO LOSE SIGHT OF MY GOALS?

IT FELT LIKE MY AMBITIONS WOULD FADE AWAY.

YEAH.

YEAH.

PLENTY OF THINGS I WANT TO DO! AND AMBITIONS!!

I'M NOT DONE YET! EVEN NOW... I'VE STILL GOT...

NO, NOT YET...

AS YOUR FRIEND.

TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. I'LL HEAR YOU OUT FOR REAL.

THOUGH I DIDN'T REALIZE UNTIL NOW.

...I GUESS THIS IS FINE.

GODS AND BELIEVERS ASIDE.

FRIENDS ARE
WHAT I WANTED.

YOU'RE AN
AMAZING GUY...

SHIGEO...

OMAKE: STEAK STORY

GOOD WORK TODAY.

IN THE PAST, I WOULD OFTEN GO TO THE LOCAL YAKINIKU SHOP AFTER FINISHING A MANUSCRIPT.

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I GOT A SLAB OF DOMESTIC BEEF FOR AROUND 1800 YEN.

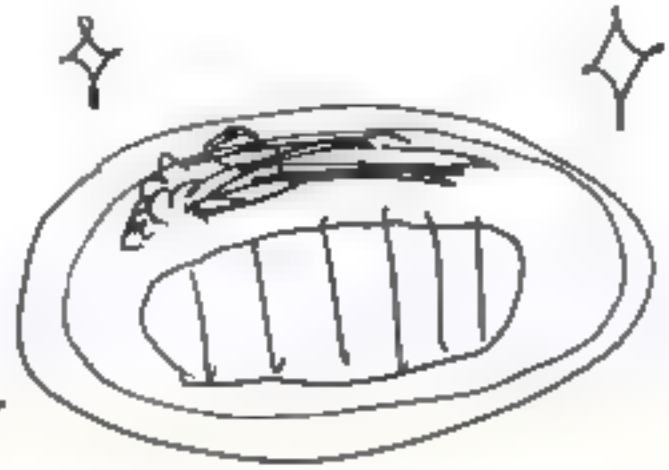
I DECIDED TO BUY SOME RAW STEAK AT THE SUPER-MARKET.

SO AFTER FINISHING THE STORY-BOARD AND MANU-SCRIPT,

BUT I STILL WANTED TO EAT MEAT,

THEN I MOVED HOUSE. THERE WERE NO RESTAU-RANTS NEARBY.

I ATE IT WITH SOME WATERCRESS AND HAD A GREAT TIME.



ALTHOUGH IT WAS CHEAPER THAN THE 4000 YEN I'D USUALLY SPEND ON YAKINIKU,

FIN

NO PUNCHLINE

HAA...

I GIVE UP.

AND I'LL ERASE THEIR MEMORIES OF THE FAKE PSYCHO HELMET I CREATED.

THE TOWNS-PEOPLE... I'LL STOP MESSING WITH THE R MINDS.

I'LL GO BACK TO HOW I WAS, TOO...

WHEN THE SOURCE OF WORSHIP ENERGY DISAPPEARS, THIS DIVINE POWER WILL BE LOST.

THEN EVERYONE WILL BE THEM-SELVES AGAIN.

...ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THAT?

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS YOUR DREAM TO BECOME A GOD...

AH?

I'M GIVING IT UP BECAUSE YOUR WEAK-ASS ARGUMENT MANAGED TO CONVINCE ME!

O-- OH... I SEE...

YEAH.

LET'S GO HOME.

PFF... KUKUKU...

HEH.

HAA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!!

WHAT'S WRONG, SHIGEO?!

HEY?!

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I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

MAN, WHY'D YOU HAVE TO BE SO CARELESS...

SO IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT!

I MUST HAVE PUT OUT TOO MUCH BODY POWER... MY WON'T MOVE PROPERLY...

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AFTER YOU JOINED THE BODY IMPROVEMENT CLUB, YOU GOT CARRIED LIKE THIS EVERY DAY FOR A WHILE, HUH.

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WELL, I TRANSFORM INTO THIS WHEN I GET POWERED UP.

DIMPLE, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THAT FORM?

.....YOU CAN BE PRETTY HARSH SOMETIMES... ...EVEN WHEN I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF GRIEVING MY BROKEN DREAMS...

...COULD I ASK YOU TO MAYBE WAIT A WEEK BEFORE YOU COME OVER?

YOU MEAN YOU'LL BE HANGING AROUND MY HOUSE FOR A WEEK IN THAT STATE...?

SO IT'LL LAST UNTIL THE DIVINE POWER NATURALLY FADES, MAYBE ANOTHER WEEK OR SO.

I SEE... WHAT DID YOU GUYS PLAN TO DO WITH THIS ENORMOUS PLANT ANYWAY?

MASTER REIGEN SAID THAT IF WE LEAVE IT ALONE, THE ROOTS WILL KEEP GROWING UNTIL THE TOWN IS DESTROYED.

I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT THIS BROCCOLI!

AH! THAT REMINDS ME, THE BROC-COLI...

ANYWAY, THAT'S TOO MUCH FOR TODAY. LET'S START MAKING PREPA-RATIONS TOMORROW AND THEN GO FROM THERE.

YOU RIVALLED EVEN MY CURRENT POWER LEVEL, AFTER ALL...

PICK IT UP WITH TELEKINESIS AND SINK IT IN THE OCEAN.

HUH?! SOME-THING LIKE THAT IS JUST...

WELL, I CAN'T SAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... THAT'S WHAT'S SCARY ABOUT YOU, SHIGEO...

THIS BROCCOLI IS A SUPER-NATURAL EXISTENCE.

PEOPLE ARE FASCINATED BY THINGS THAT ARE OVER-WHELMING OR MYSTICAL LIKE THIS.

I FEEL KINDA BAD FOR IT, BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE.

SUCH A FINE BROCCOLI... AND IT CREATED SUCH A STIR AMONG EVERYONE IN TOWN, IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS BECOMING A REAL TOURIST ATTRACTION...

I ONLY MANAGED TO ATTRACT FOLLOWERS BY USING THE FEELINGS OF EVERYONE WHO HAD ALREADY GATHERED AROUND THE DIVINE TREE.

YOUR PSYCHIC POWER IS WHAT CREATED THIS.

BUT YOU KNOW, IN TRUTH, YOUR OWN EXISTENCE IS BEHIND THAT, SHIGEO.

YOU MIGHT EVEN HAVE ENOUGH APPEAL TO WIN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD!

YOU COULD BE A UNIFYING FORCE EVEN GREATER THAN THE DIVINE TREE.

WHAT I MEAN IS...

HIS RESPECT FOR YOU FAR EXCEEDED HIS RESPECT FOR PSYCHO HELMET.

EVEN HANAZAWA, WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY CONVERTED... RIGHT BEFORE YOU SENT HIM FLYING...

HE REALLY IS AMAZING!

HAHA.

I'M FEELING SUPER SLEEPY ALL OF A SUDDEN... CAN YOU WAKE ME UP WHEN WE GET TO MY HOUSE?

THAT'S TOO MANY DETAILS TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND...

HEY, YOU LISTENING?

IF YOU WERE TO USE YOUR PSYCHIC POWER WISELY...

...TCH.

BETTER NOT DROOL ON ME...

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HEY, I'M NOT YOUR DAMN SERVANT!

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I...

I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD DO NOW.

AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO AIM FOR FROM HERE...

I SAID "LET'S GO HOME," BUT...

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY PLACE TO "GO HOME" TO...

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HEY...

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READY TO STEAL THE RIGHT TO COMMAND THAT ENORMOUS ENERGY AS SOON AS I LOST CONTROL...

WATCH-ING VIGILANT-LY...

COULD IT BE... THAT A PSYCHO HELMET "SELF" WAS ALREADY DEVELOPING WITHIN THE DIVINE TREE... WAITING FOR ME TO RELINQUISH CONTROL...

AFTER ABSORBING THOUGHTS FROM THE BELIEVERS AND MYSELF, THE DIVINE TREE GAINED SENTIENCE...

WAIT... I HAVE A BAD HUNCH ABOUT THIS.

THAT...

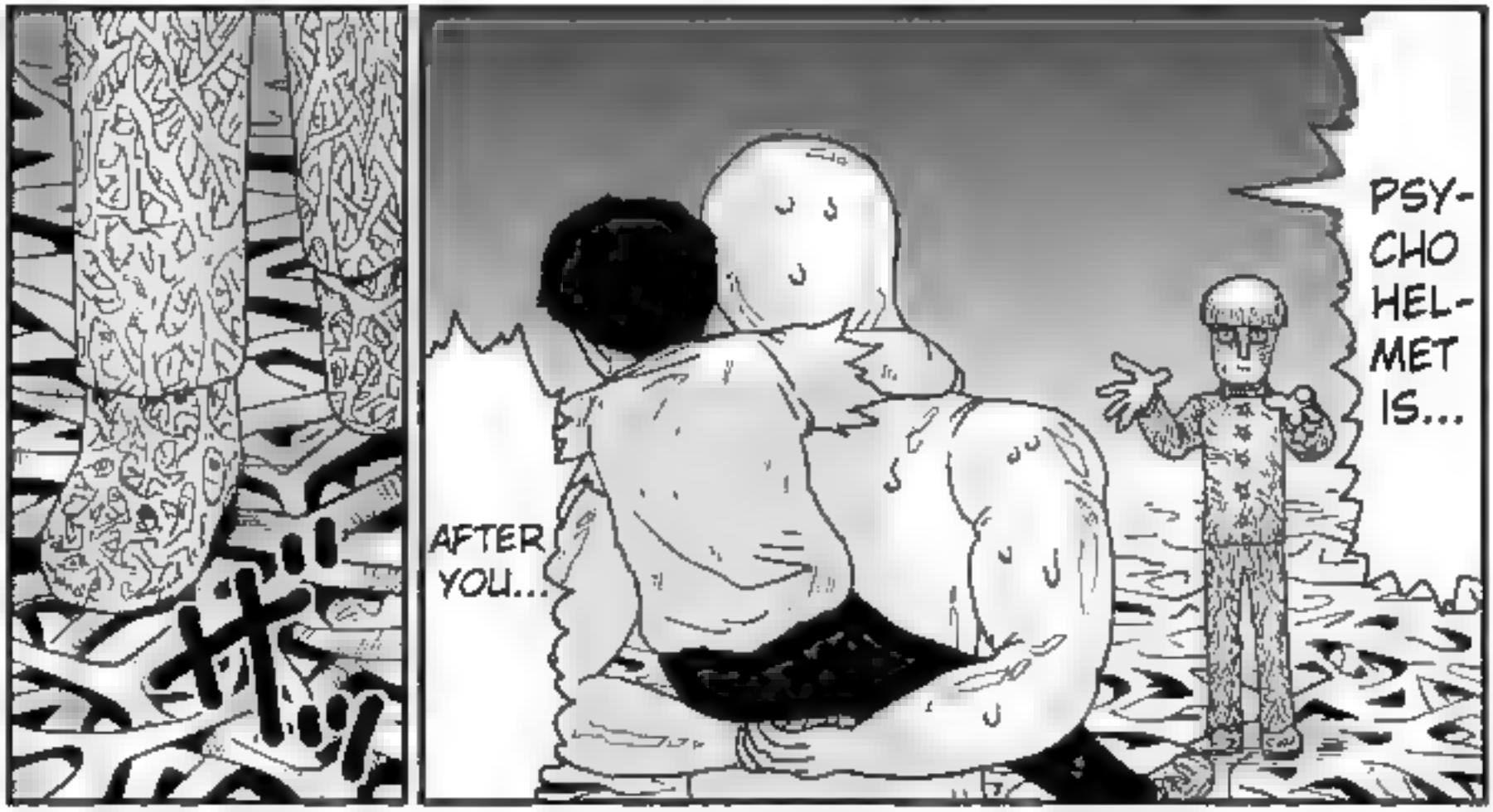
NUTRIMENT

PUT IT DOWN..

YOU GOTTA WAKE UP, SHIT IS HITTING THE FAN!!

SHIGEO!!!!

Q: WHAT DOES A GHOST PIGGYBACK RIDE LOOK LIKE TO PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SEE GHOSTS?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IT'S NO GOOD...

...HE'S NOT WAKING UP...

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE REST-ING...

I SAID WAKE UP, SHIGEO!!

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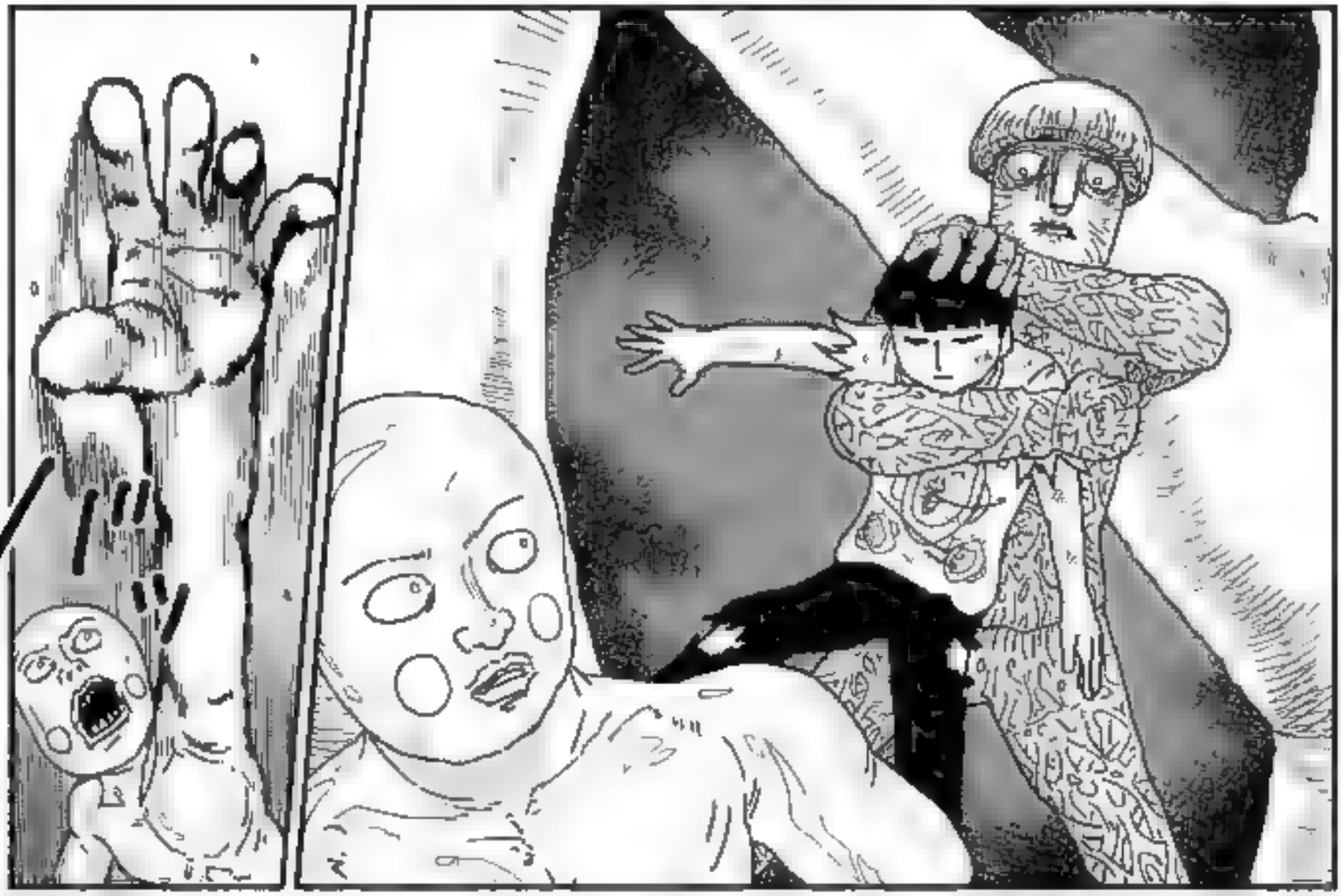

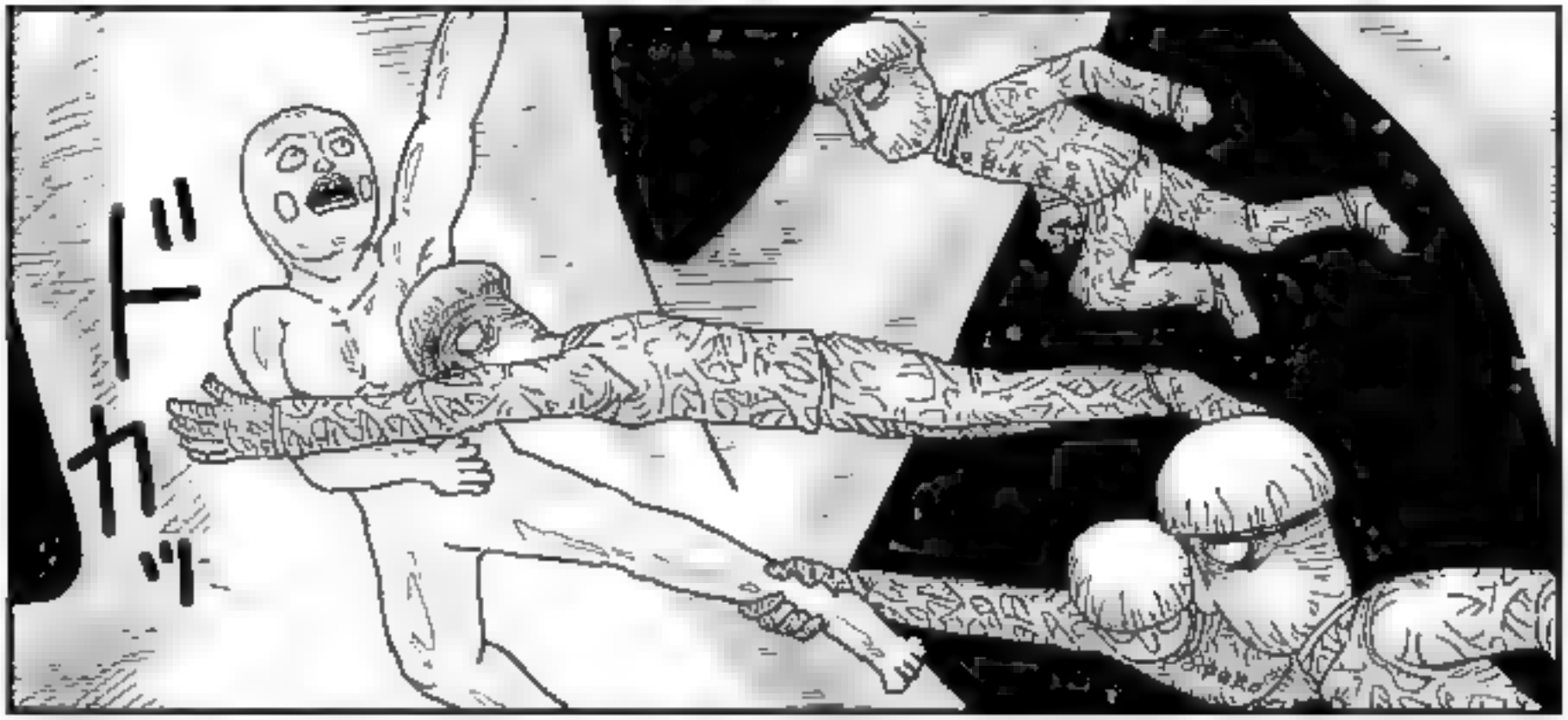

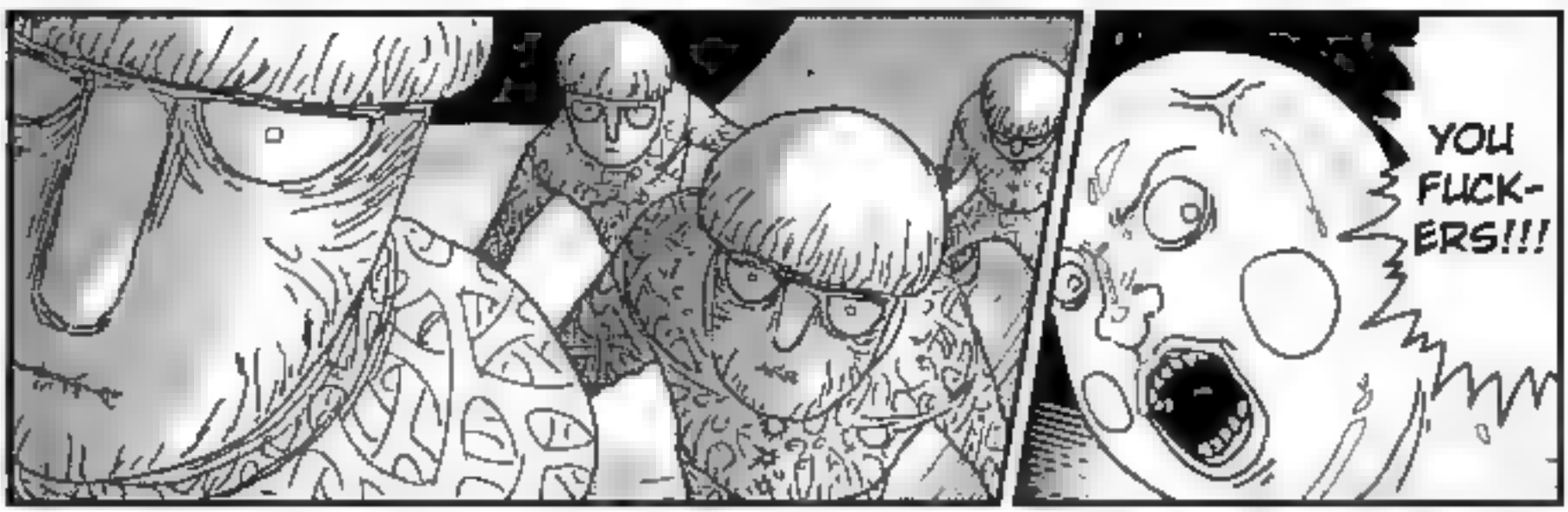
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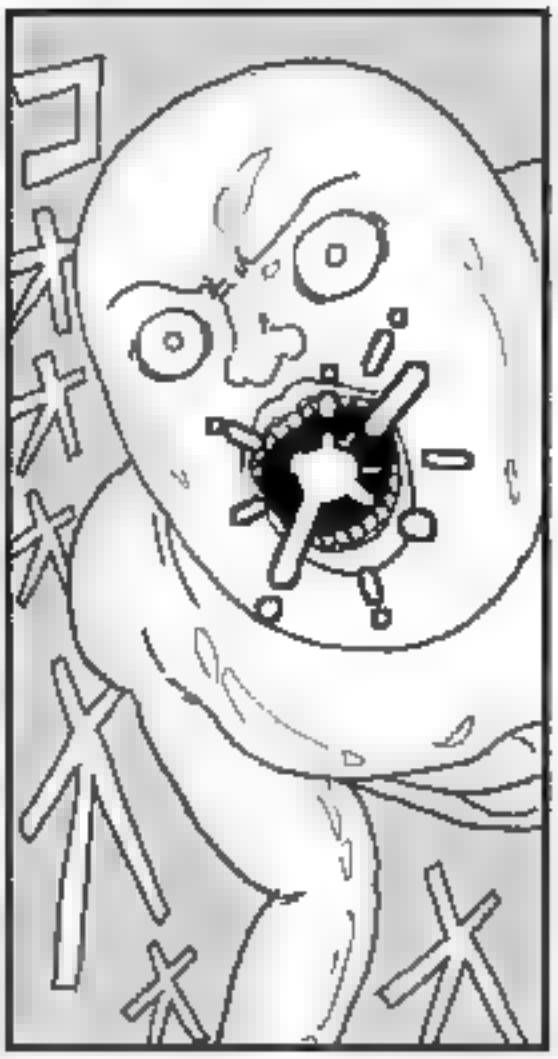

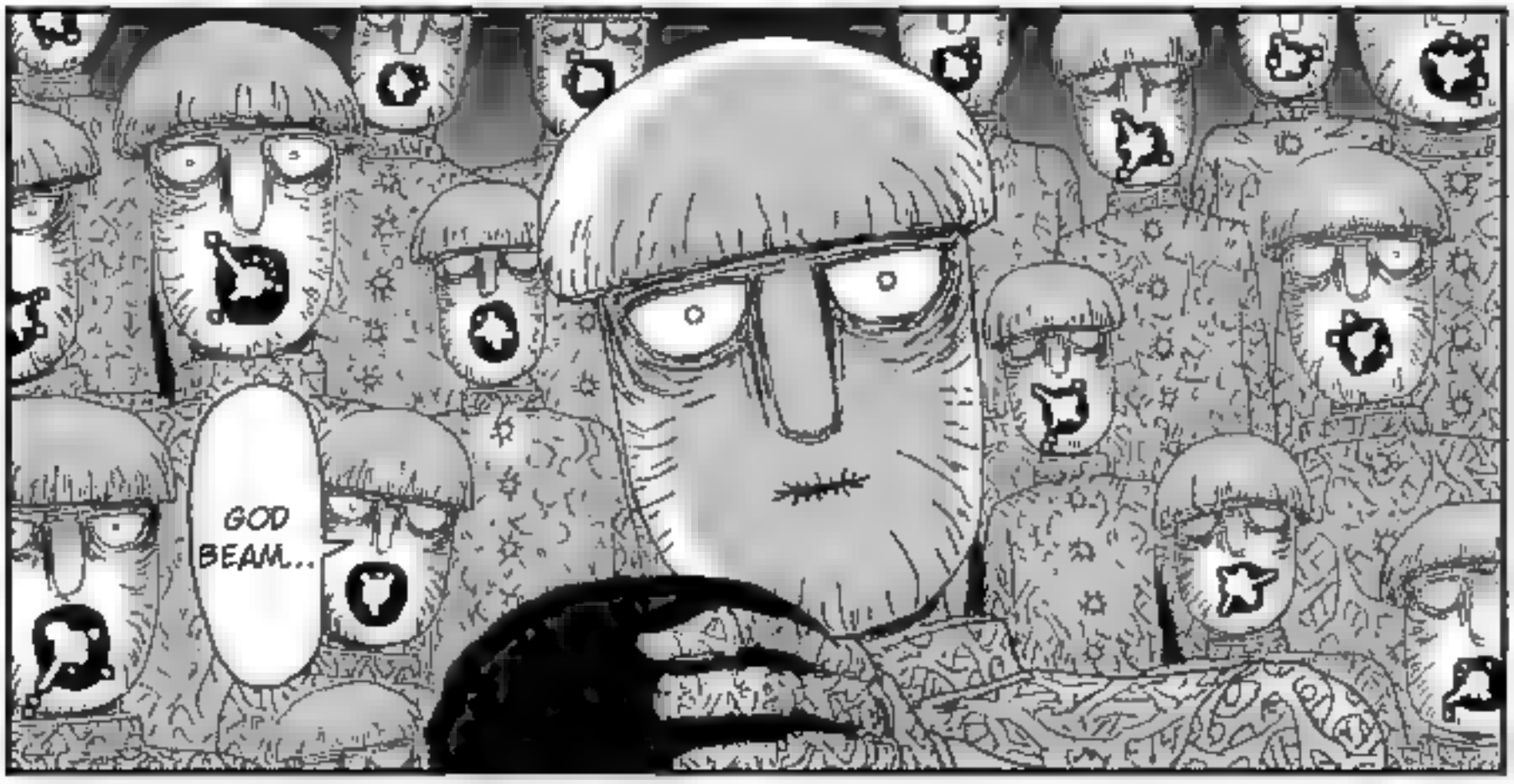
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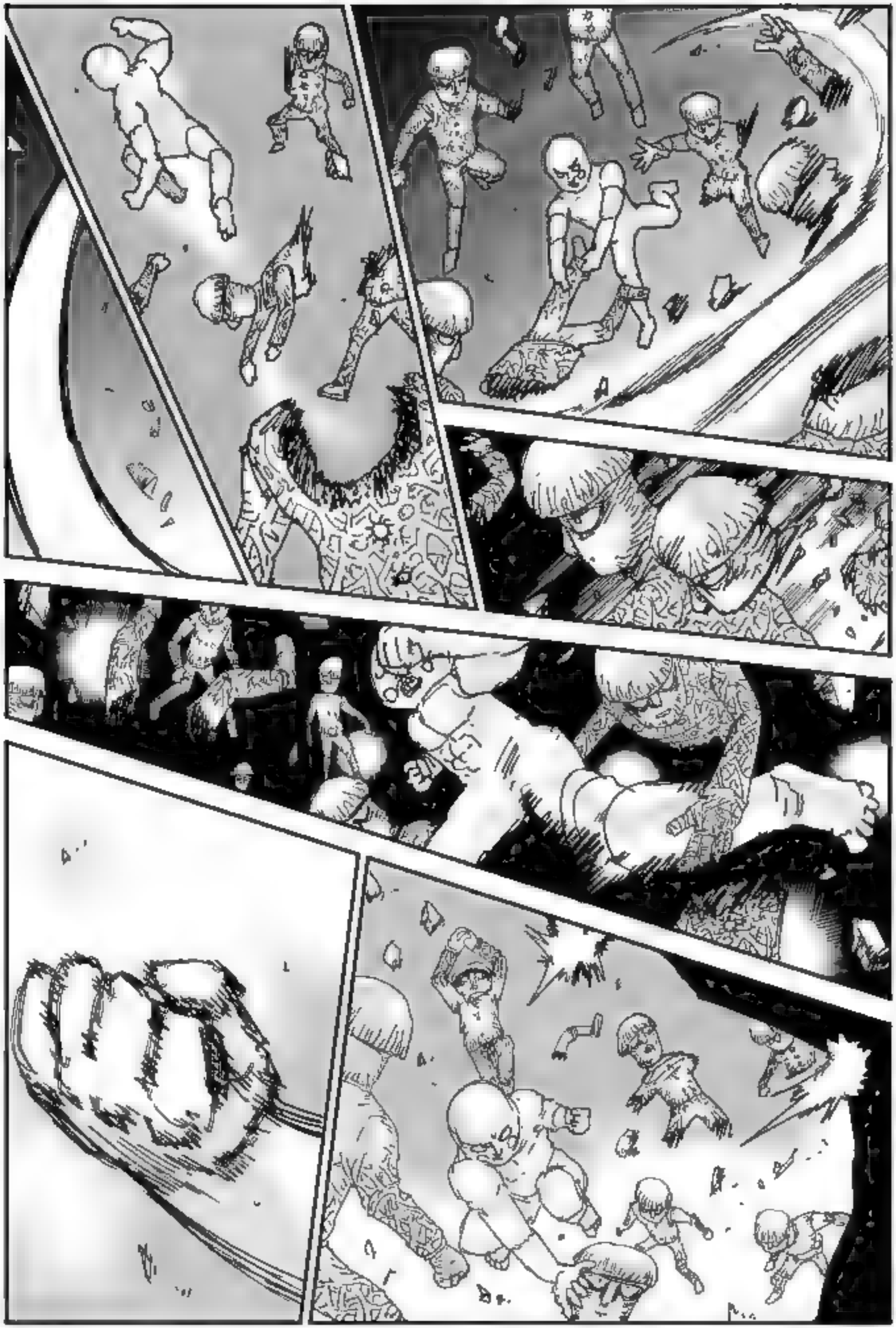
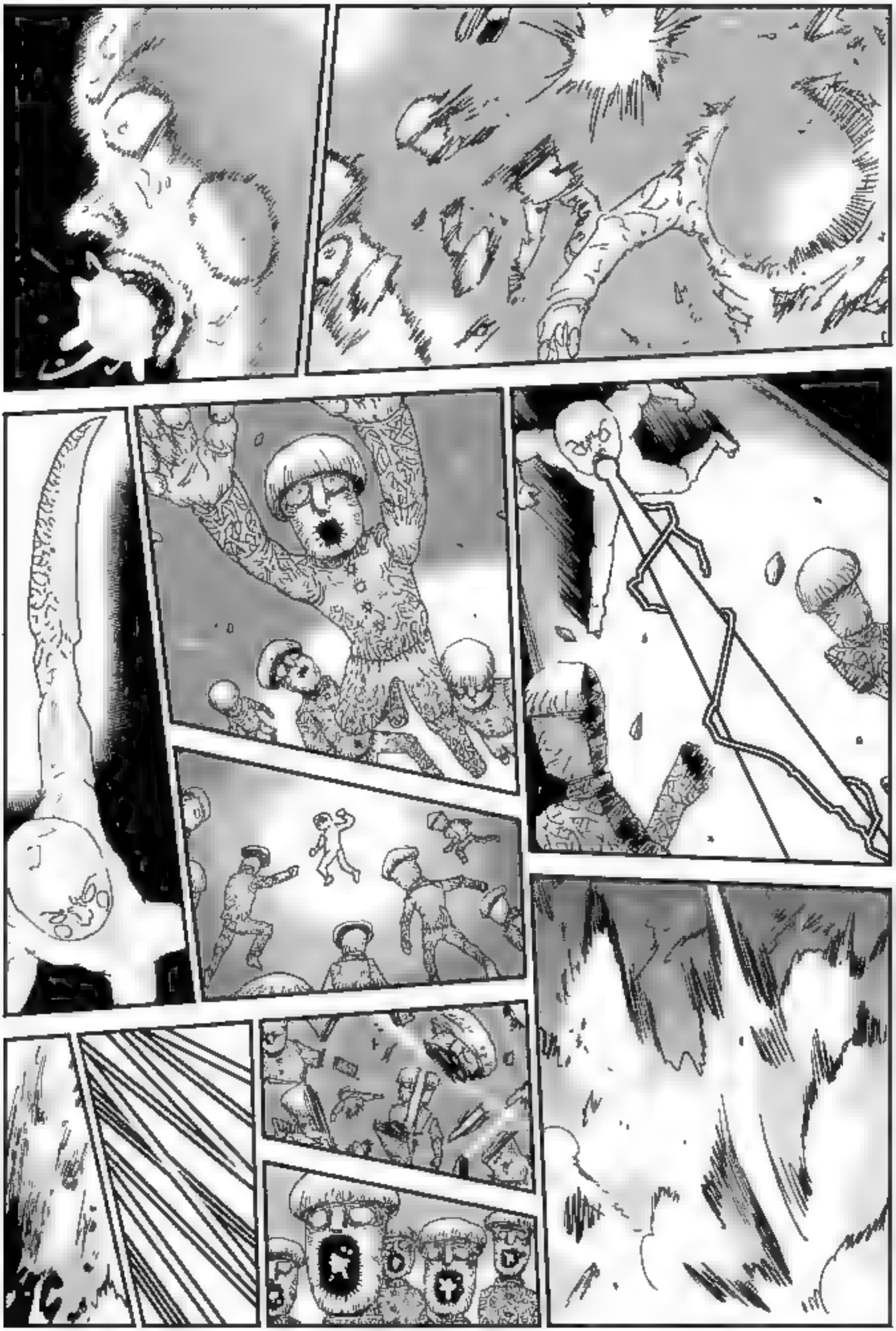
MY POWER...





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NOTHING HAPPENED. WERE YOU DREAMING? YOU'RE STILL HALF-ASLEEP...

I FEEL LIKE THERE WAS A LOT OF NOISE JUST NOW .. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

...IS THAT SO...

ALSO, I CAN'T SEE VERY WELL...

NO, I STILL CAN'T MOVE AT ALL...

CAN YOU MOVE NOW?!

OHH... LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE AWAKE!

OH, OKAY

I GOT A BIT TIRED TOO.

YEAH. JUST SAT DOWN FOR A LITTLE BREAK.

WE'RE STILL... NOT HOME YET?

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME USING SUCH A HUGE AMOUNT OF POWER.

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RIGHT NOW, I'M THE STRONG-EST I'VE EVER BEEN.

SHI-GEO...

I'VE FINALLY REACHED A POINT WHERE I CAN IMAGINE HOW AMAZING THAT IS.

YOU'VE BEEN MAINTAINING THIS LEVEL OF POWER YOUR WHOLE LIFE, HUH.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO SHOW OFF AND ABUSE THAT POWER...

BUT YOU...

WITH POWER THIS STRONG, IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO GET CARRIED AWAY...

FOR SOME-ONE LIKE YOU...

GETTING ALL WORKED UP OVER BEING POPULAR WITH GIRLS... THAT KIND OF THING IS JUST ENDEARING.

SHIGEO, YOU ARE...

YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT DEEPLY.

YOU'RE GONNA BE BIG.

A MAN.

AS YOU ARE NOW, MY BRAIN-WASHING SHOULD GET THROUGH.

FIRST, WAKE UP. STAND UP, SHIGEO.

I'M GIVING YOU ORDERS FOR THE FIRST AND LAST TIME. LISTEN WELL...

EVEN IF YOU CANNOT STAND... YOU MUST STAND.

YOUR BODY MAY COMPLAIN, BUT STILL...

STAND UP.

UGH...

...IT'S NO USE. I CAN'T PUT ANY STRENGTH INTO MY LEGS. I CAN'T MOVE MY ARMS EITHER.

AND WALK ON YOUR OWN FEET.

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GO.

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I GOTTA MAKE A QUICK STOP SOMEWHERE, SO...

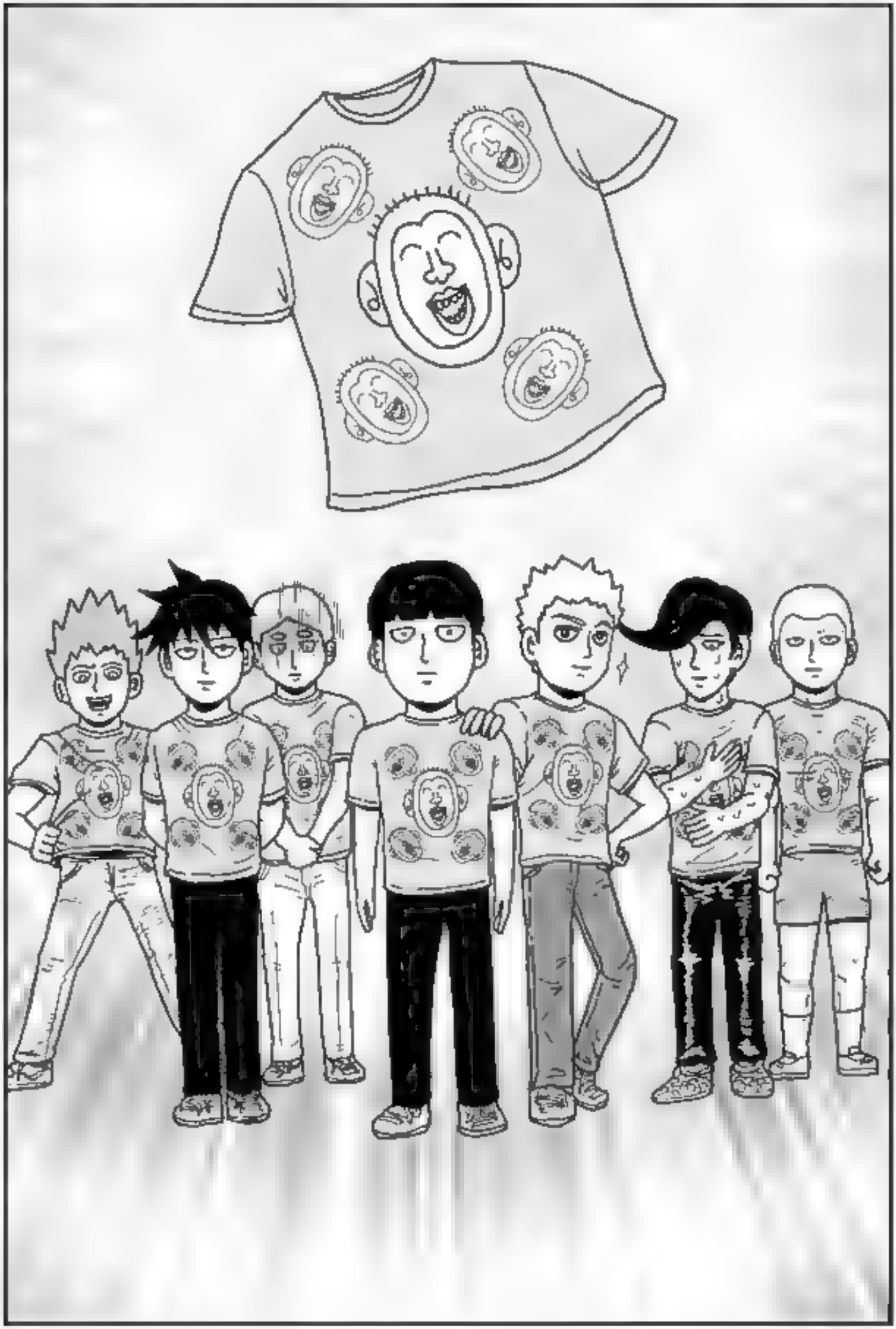
WHAT ABOUT YOU, DIMPLE?

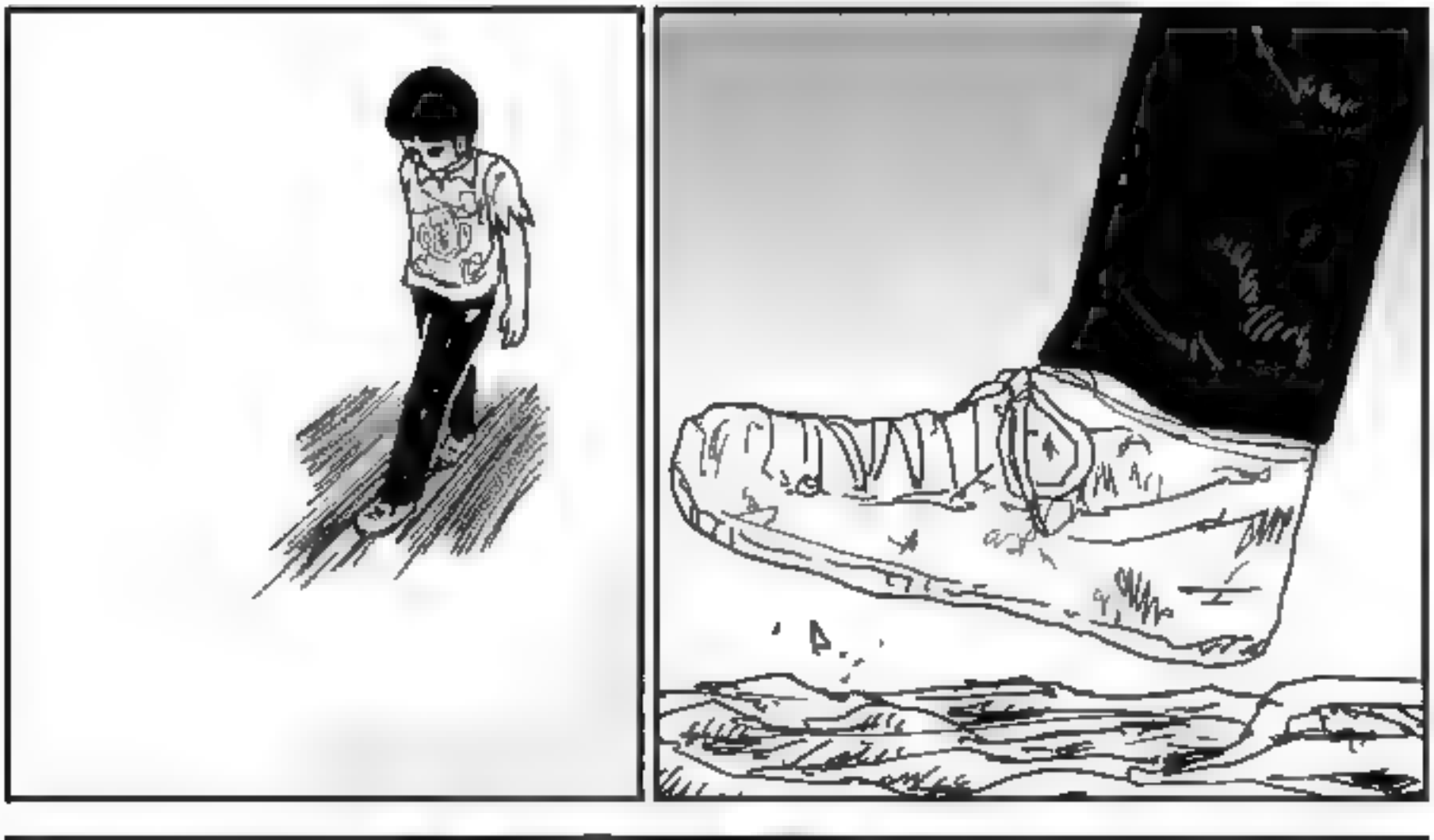
YOU HEAD HOME FIRST.

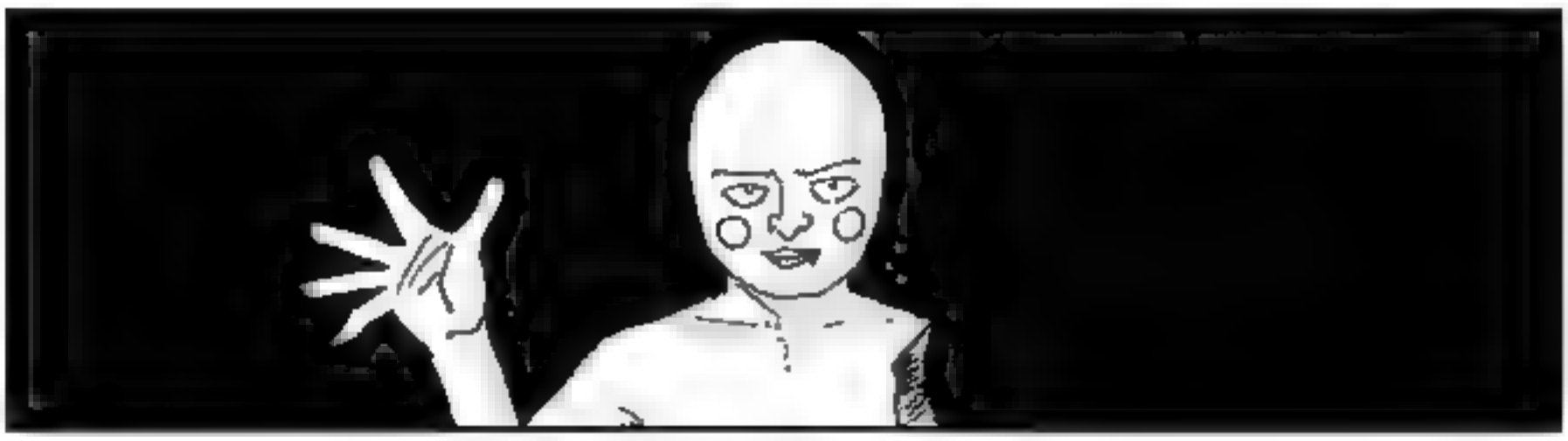
OKAY... GOT IT.

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE:
"HAGECHIRAKASHI MONKEY" POPULARLY KNOWN AS "HAGEMON," IS NOW AVAILABLE AS A REAL LIFE T-SHIRT (FOR LESS THAN 5000 YEN!)

OMAKE: HAGEMON TEE







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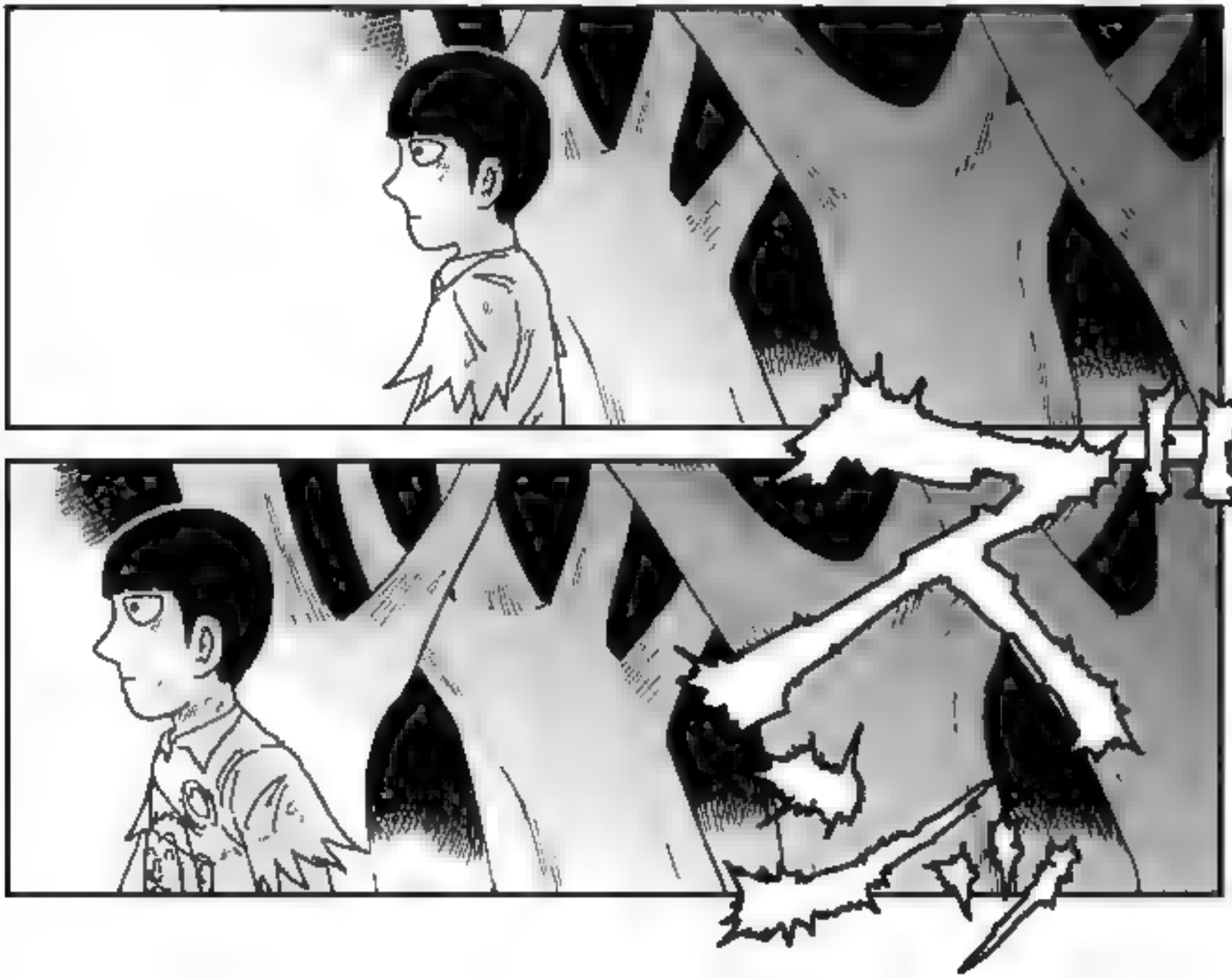

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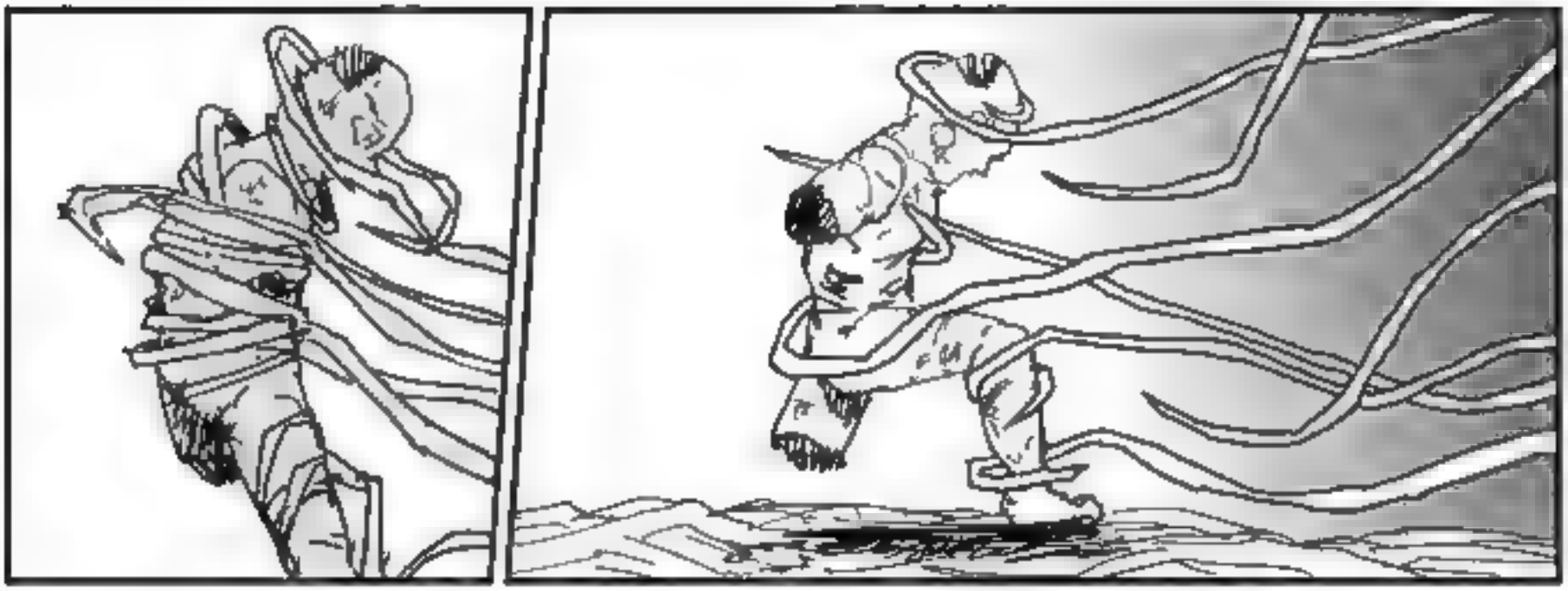

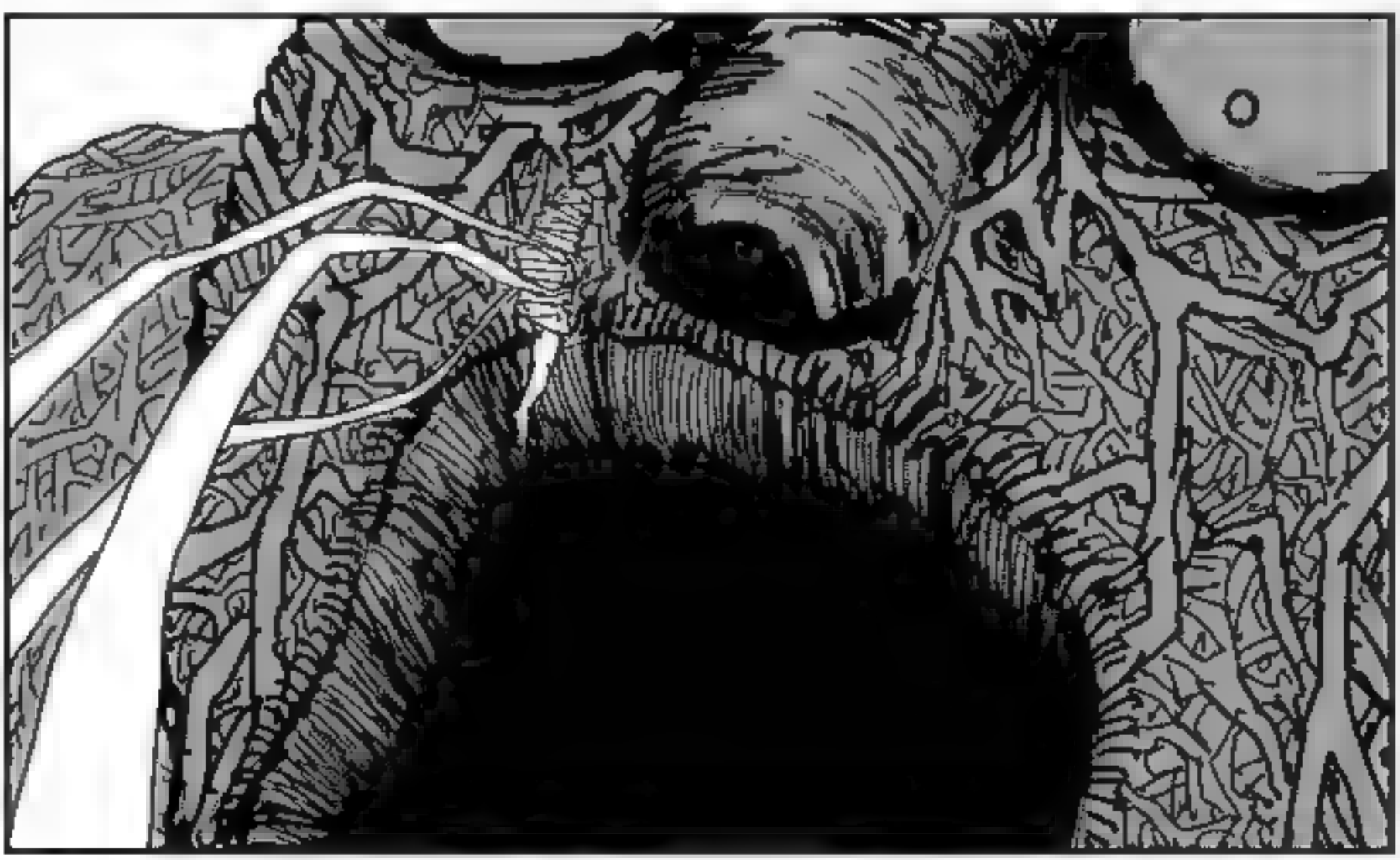

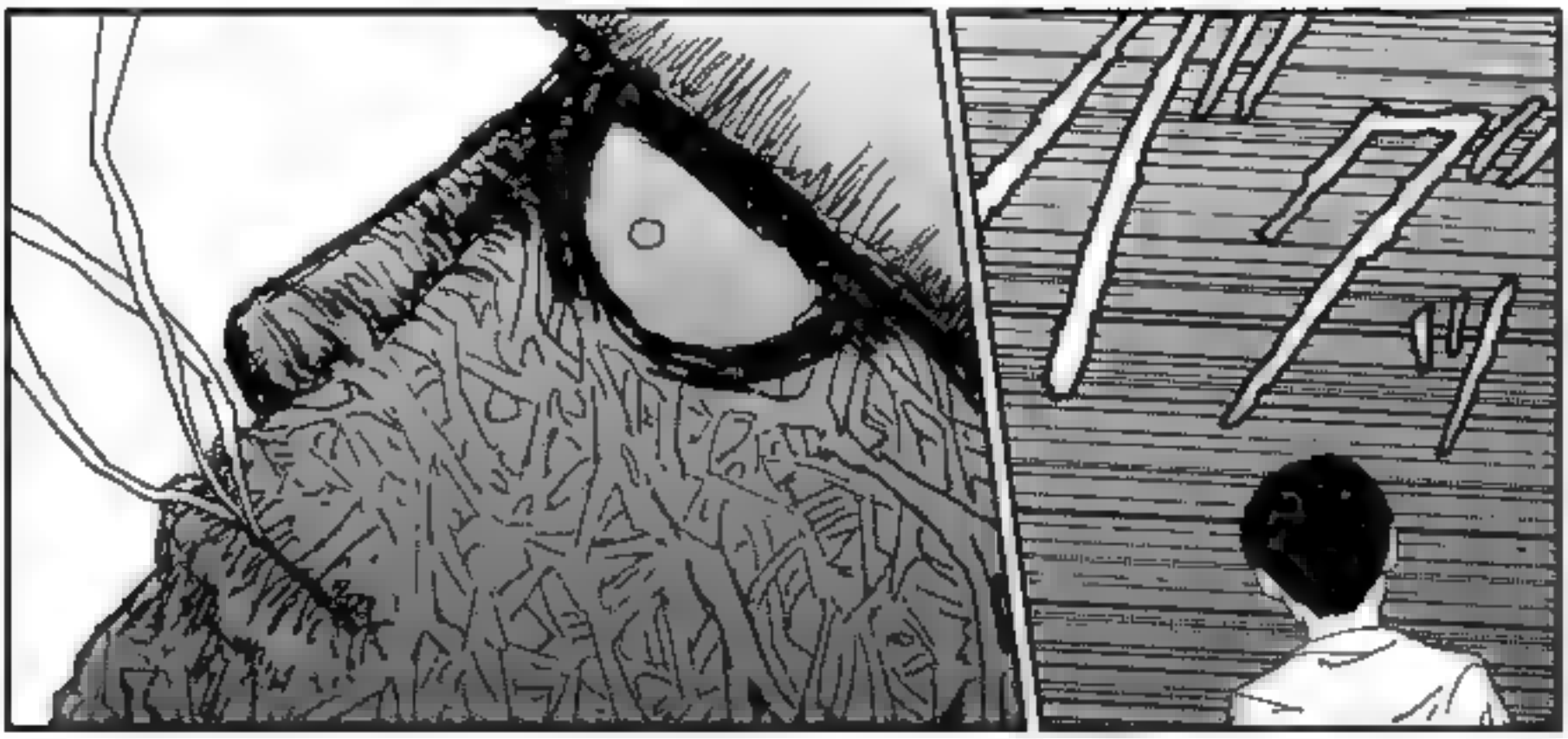

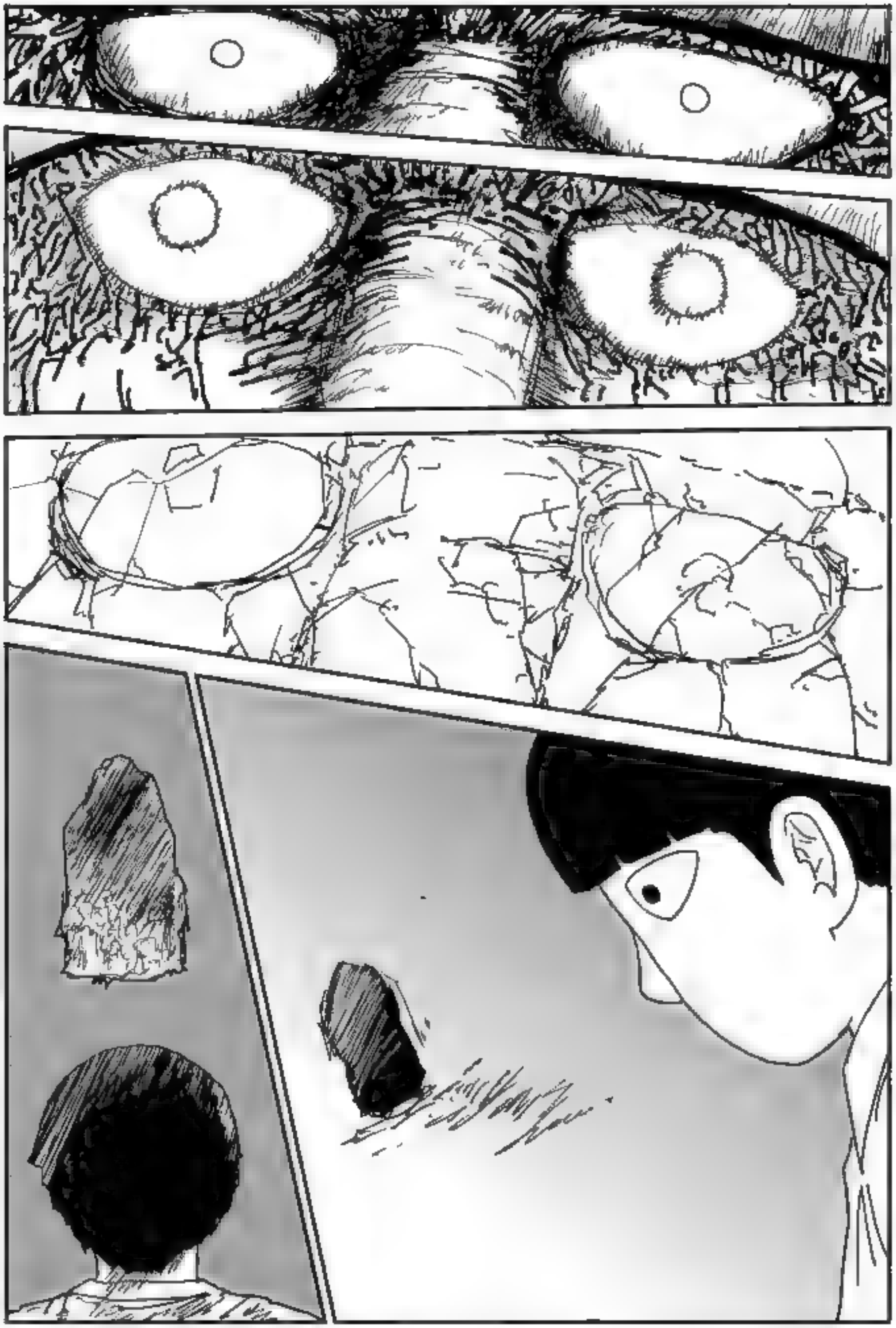

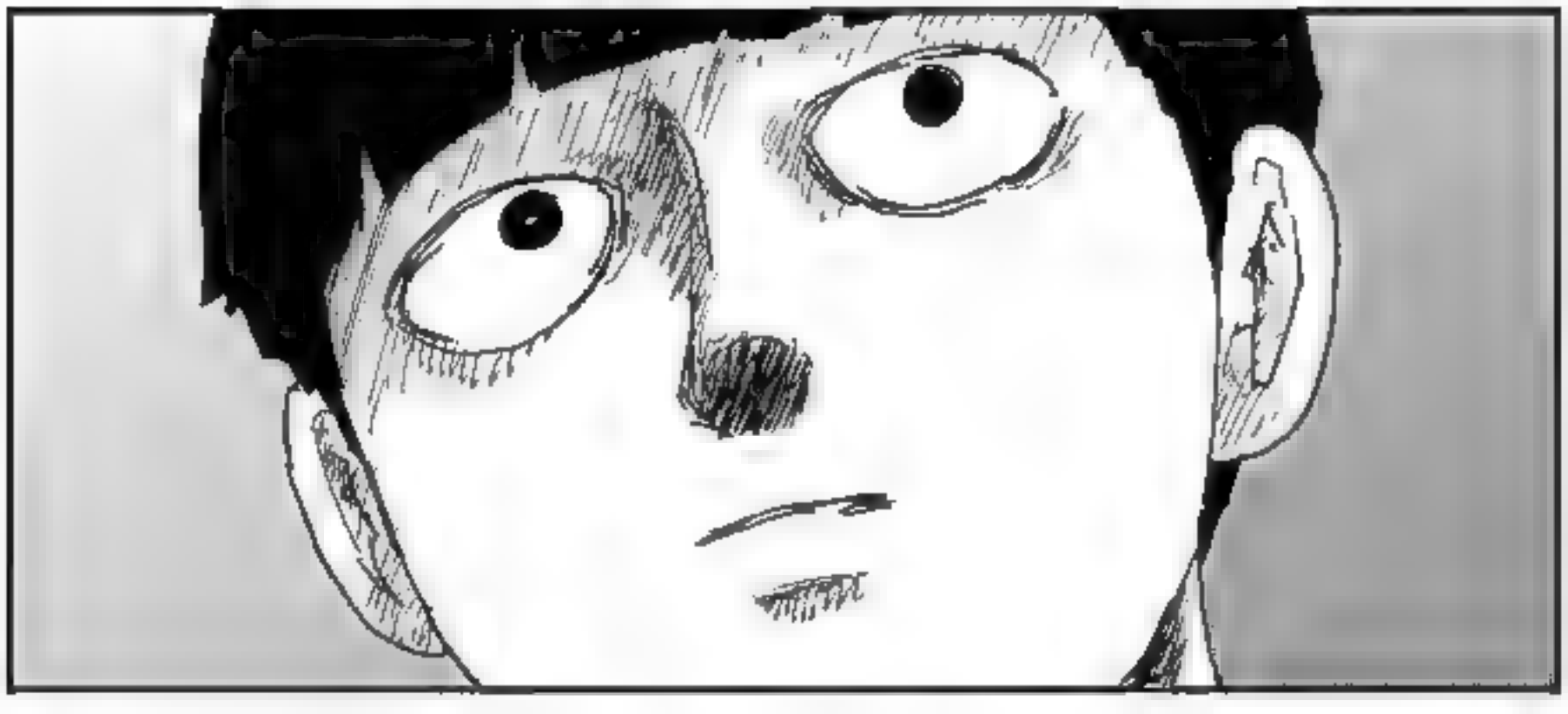

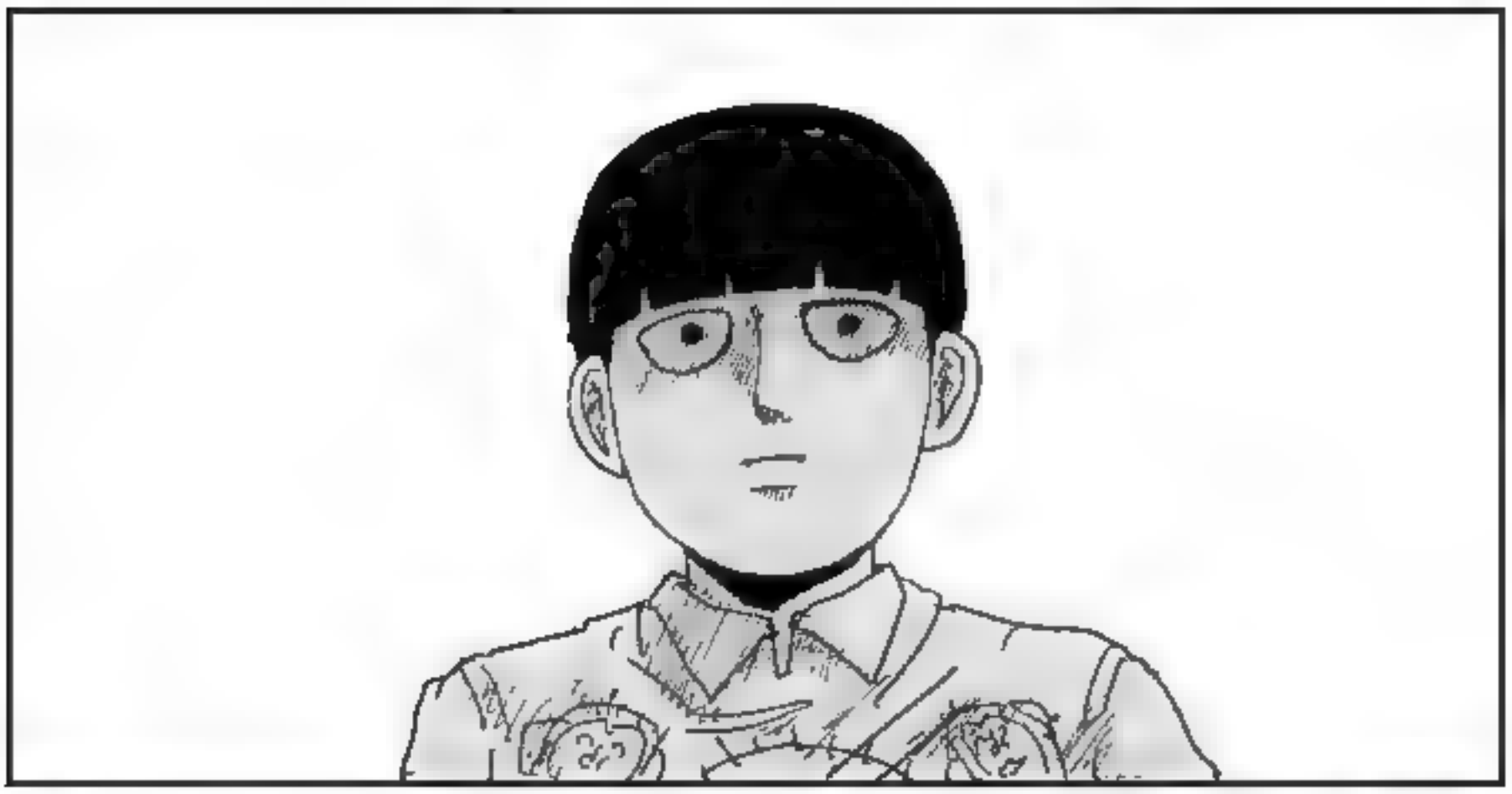

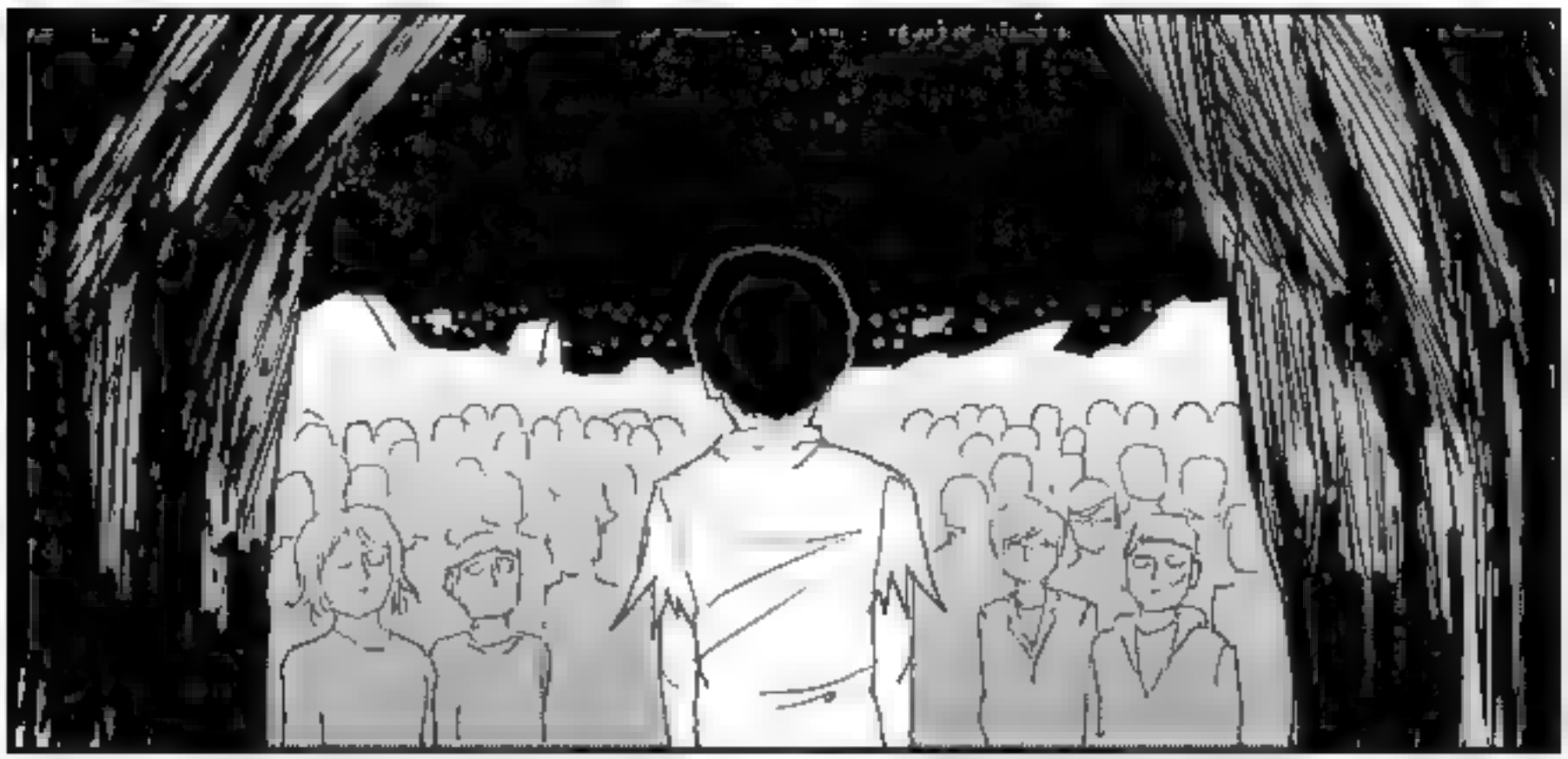

LET'S GO HOME.

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EVERY-ONE.

SHIGE, YOU CAUGHT YOU ANOTHER SHOULD COLD? EAT MORE THAN THAT IF YOU WANT TO GET BETTER.

OKAY. BUT I WANT TO GO LAY DOWN FOR A BIT.

YOU'RE NOT THE ONE DOING THIS, RIGHT?!

NII-SAN! LOOK AT THE NEWS, IT'S INCREDI-BLE!!

IT IS VANISHING INTO THE DISTANCE.

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?!

THE ONGOING NATURAL DISASTER IN SPICE CITY... WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THIS ENORMOUS PLANT, WHICH CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE DIVINE TREE AFTER IT SUDDENLY APPEARED, IS CURRENTLY FLOATING THROUGH THE AIR!!

THIS IS FOOTAGE FROM JUST A MOMENT AGO!

I DON'T KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE, BUT IT'S AMAZING.

WHAT ARE THEY EVEN TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS? HOW MYSTERIOUS...

BUT IT DOESN'T FEEL STRANGE OR UNPLEASANT.

DID THE SAME THING HAPPEN TO YOU, BY ANY CHANCE?

AH... SPEAKING OF MYSTERIES...

MY MEMORIES FROM THIS EVENING ARE ALL FUZZY... AND WHEN I MENTIONED IT TO MOM, SHE SAID IT WAS THE SAME FOR HER..

THAT HER MEMORIES FROM A LITTLE WHILE AGO ARE BLURRY AND HARD TO REMEMBER CLEARLY...

I'M NOT EVEN SURE HOW I GOT HOME.

I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING FROM EARLIER TONIGHT...

ME TOO.

I CAN'T FIND HIM RIGHT NOW, BUT...

NEXT TIME HE SHOWS UP, LET'S ASK HIM ABOUT IT.

I BET DIMPLE KNOWS ALL ABOUT FISHY THINGS LIKE THIS.

I WONDER IF PERHAPS IT WAS SOME KIND OF MASS HYPNOSIS...

SO EVEN NII-SAN IS AFFECTED... MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED A FEW HOURS AGO...

YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T FEELING GOOD, SO... GET WELL SOON.

ALL RIGHT, NII-SAN.

I CAN'T REMEMBER, BUT...

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DIMPLE...

THANK YOU...

DIMPLE WAS A FRIEND.

(SOB)

(SNIFF)

HH... UUU UGHH...

OMAKE: GREETING

SO YOU FINALLY GOT YOURSELF INVOLVED IN THIS KIND OF RISKY EXPER-IMENT...
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MATERIAL SO SOON AFTER NEW YEAR'S, SO I THOUGHT I'D SNEAK THIS GUY IN AND TRY LETTING HIM BEAR THE BURDEN FOR A CHANGE.